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WORST COLLISION FOR YEARS.

FIRE ENGINE CRASHES INTO TRAM.

TWO FIREMEN ARE INJURED: SEVERE DAMAGE.

BY TRAFFIC BEACON.

One of the most serious collisions occurring in the heart of the city in recent years, in which a tram and a fire engine were badly damaged, and two firemen badly hurt, occurred shortly after nine o'clock this morning near the beacon in Des Voeux Road Central.

Fire Appliance No. 8 with a crew of 6 Chinese firemen and an Indian driver, was cutting into the junction where the Red Beacon stands, from Chater Road, when it collided almost head-on with a western-bound tram and shot into the pavement under the Hongkong Hotel before coming to a rest over the gutter. Two firemen were injured, one very seriously, while much damage was done to both tram and fire engine.

From the point of view of the impetus, the damage done and the casualties caused, it was one of the worst smash-ups witnessed for some time past, and a surprising feature was that both vehicles were afterwards able to proceed from the scene under their own power.

Eye-Witnesses' Story.

The precise circumstances preceding the mishap will probably be established at a later enquiry, but from the accounts given by eye-witnesses it is possible to reconstruct these with fair accuracy.

It appears that in accordance with Departmental routine, Fire Appliance No. 8 was engaged on a morning drill which took it on a circuitous route through the City.

In returning to the Central Station opposite the Central Market, the appliance had to cut across the tram tracks near the traffic beacon to get to its proper side of the roadway. At the same moment, an eastern-bound tram entered the junction, it had half passed the traffic beacon when the imminent danger of collision became apparent.

Forced Between Two Trams.

Skid marks left on the roadway appeared to show that the Fire Department driver attempted to avoid the collision by violently swerving to the left. This, however, forced the fire engine between the eastbound tram and a westbound tram then drawing up to the stop at the Hongkong Hotel.

In consequence the first appliance crashed into the front of the westbound tram, carried off the wooden casing of the vehicle, and continuing its career shot into the pavement under the Hongkong Hotel where it came to a stop over the gutter.

Terrible Injuries.

A Chinese foreman fireman and a fireman who were standing on the running board of their vehicle, were caught between the tram and the fire appliance. The former was not very seriously hurt, but the latter was crushed in between the two vehicles and he sustained terrible injuries.

Both men were rushed to Hospital in the motor-ambulance immediately summoned from the Fire Station.

Office-workers returning to work came upon a scene of wreckage. The front of the tram was dented of its wooden casing, which now lay partly broken up, on the roadway. The fire engine was coupled up with the appliance had taken on a curious angle and been much damaged, while a small ladder mounted on the side of the appliance was shattered into fragments, and the roadway was also littered with broken bits of glass.

Tram Passenger's Story.

According to another account given to a Telegraph representative by a passenger on the badly damaged tram, both trams were moving, when the fire appliance dashed out of Chater Road. The appliance crossing the tram tracks, was compelled to pass between

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POLITICAL CRISIS IN BERLIN.

DEADLOCK OVER EDUCATION BILL IS FINAL.

A GENERAL ELECTION.

Berlin, Feb. 15.
The efforts of the Party leaders to reach a compromise on the Government's Education Bill have failed.

Accordingly, the Right and Centre Party leaders of the Coalition Government can consequently be regarded as being politically dead, in compliance with their threat to withdraw their Ministers in the absence of a satisfactory settlement of the dispute.

It is understood that the Government will now make every effort to push through the Budget, after which the Reichstag will be dissolved.

It may be regarded as certain that Germany will be in the throes of a General Election early in May of this year.—*Reuter.*

President Hindenburg recently appealed to Dr. Marx to allow all differences over the Education Bill to be dropped until the pressing problems before the Reichstag will be settled. It was thought that the appeal would have the required effect.

PERSIAN PROTEST TO BRITAIN.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ADMIT GROUND.

London, Feb. 15.

Asked in the House of Commons, to-day, whether certain demands had been made by the Persian Government, particularly regarding Bahrain, Mr. P. Locker-Lampson said, "The Persian Government protested some weeks ago against the terms of the treaty of Jeddah between Great Britain and Hejaz, on the ground that the reference in that treaty of the Islands of Bahrain is contrary to the territorial integrity of Persia."

"His Majesty's Government are unaware of any ground on which the Persian Government could base a claim to sovereignty over these islands, and have explained this to the Persian Government.—*British Wireless.*"

THE LEAGUE OPIUM CONVENTION.

BRITAIN ENCOURAGING THE RATIFICATIONS.

London, Feb. 15.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, of the Foreign Office, said that the Geneva Opium Convention, 1925, had not yet been enforced, because three out of the seven ratifications by members of the Council of the League were still lacking.

Britain was doing her best to encourage the other countries to ratify.—*Reuter.*

LINDBERGH'S REPLY TO DAVIS.

JUST WHAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

St. Louis, Feb. 15.

Colonel Lindbergh, the famous American aviator, says he does not intend to give up experimental flying.

He is perfectly willing to sacrifice his life if he happens to be killed while flying. He considers that what he is doing is not hazardous flying in the sense that he is taking unnecessary risks.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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THE LAW SOCIETY PROSECUTION.

HOUGHTON SUMMONS DISMISSED.

LAW OF BLACKMAIL IS PUBLIC PROTECTION.

DUNNING LETTERS.

The summons against C. M. Houghton for an alleged offence under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance of 1871, was dismissed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning.

Prior to giving his decision, his Worship enquired of Mr. D. H. Blake (who appeared for the Law Society) whether the latter had found any further authorities to bear on the points raised. Mr. Blake replied that he had not.

Nature of Alleged Offence.

His Worship's decision was as follows:

The form of the Section on which this charge is based, Section 27 of the Legal Practitioners' Ordinance, No. 1 of 1871, was apparently derived from Sec. 13 of Ordinance 13 of 1856, now long defunct, which made operative in the Colony most of the provisions of 6 & 7 Viet C73. Section 2 of that Act made it an offence to act as a solicitor without being enrolled and although the Act was entirely superseded by later statutes culminating in the Solicitors and Attorneys Act of 1874 the original words of our 1871 Ordinance "practises or acts as a Solicitor" still remain in the Hongkong Law to-day. The Home Act of 1874, however, substituted the new offence of wilfully and falsely pretending to be a solicitor for that of acting as such without authority, and it was for that offence that the prosecutions in the case quoted by the Mr. Blake were undertaken.

Deductions Difficult.

The essence of that offence is clearly fraudulent and deliberate misrepresentation, and it is therefore difficult to deduce a principle of law from the home cases, that will fit the present one, the more so because different Magistrates at home seem to have interpreted the law in different ways.

The facts, however, of the 1924 case of the Law Society v. Leaf approximated, so far as one can judge from the report, very closely to those of this case, and there the London stipendiary found in favour of the defence.

Cannot Agree.

Mr. Blake submits that though there may have been no falsely pretending to be a solicitor in this case, yet the defendant's letters and conduct on the 18th, 19th and 20th January amount to acting as a Solicitor.

With this view I regret that I cannot agree.

Very Near Blackmail.

Defendant admittedly sent two letters which contain the same sort of language as solicitors use, and one of which includes a threat of criminal proceedings that comes very near to blackmail, if not to criminal intimidation, but it does not need a solicitor to start criminal proceedings and the threat does not necessarily imply that defendant intended to institute such proceedings on his own; and furthermore, as pointed out in Fleetwood's case, legal phraseology is not the exclusive possession of solicitors.

Moreover each letter bears at the head and foot the printed words "South China Trade Protection Association," and that of the 18th January is headed by the Chinese name of, and is signed by defendant as accountant of, this Association. There is no hint in either letter that the writer is acting qua solicitor, and as regards the interview between defendant and Pang Chow on January 19th, though it is possible that blackmailing threats were used by defendant, I cannot find any evidence in the witnesses' statements to show that he acted or claimed to act as a solicitor.

An Anomaly.

Acting or practising as a solicitor in my view conveys the idea

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RUBBER ENQUIRY QUARREL.

MR. BALDWIN MAKES FURTHER EXPLANATIONS.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE.

London, Feb. 15.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, addressing the House of Commons, in answer to a question concerning the rubber enquiry, said that before any announcement was publicly made, the Colonial Office confidentially informed the Advisory Committee on the Stevenson Restriction Scheme, that the Government had decided to examine the scheme.

Neither the Advisory Committee, or the industry itself, could have been properly consulted at that time, he explained, but he told the House that full opportunity would be given to representatives of the industry to submit their views to the Committee of Civil Research.

Last Thing Desired.

Mr. Baldwin added that it was not usual for the Cabinet to give details of the Cabinet Committee's procedure, and he emphasised that the last thing the Government wished to do was anything likely to cause stress to the rubber industry. When the Cabinet was able to form an opinion on the report of the

NATIONALIST TOUR.

Party Cancels Ceylon Programme.

Colombo, Feb. 15.

The Chinese Nationalist missionaries, Mr. J. H. H. and including Messrs. C. C. Wu, Sun Fei and Wu Han-min, have decided to cancel their voyage to Europe.

No reason for the change has been given.—*Reuter.*

Committee, they would give every consideration to the position of the industry.

Mr. E. T. Campbell suggested that the sudden change of arrangement might cost the Treasury a great deal of money.

Mr. Baldwin said that he was familiar with that point which would be carefully watched.—*Reuter.*

CHIANG'S MOVEMENTS.

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM NORTH.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

A communication from the Nanking Government states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is still remaining in Suchow, but according to Kuomintang circles, Marshal Chiang left Suchow at 8 a.m. yesterday for Kaifeng.

Mr. Ng Cho-wah, delegate of Marshal Yen Shi-shan, arrived at Nanking yesterday. After an interview with General Li Lih-chun, Mr. Ng immediately left for Suchow in order to attend the Military Conference with Marshal Chiang.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

BRITISH MINISTER.

SIR MILES LAMPSON NOW AT AMOY.

Shanghai, Feb. 15.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, arrived at Amoy at 3 p.m. yesterday. The distinguished guest was received by officials of the local Government, which has been instructed to request Sir Miles to pay a visit to Nanking.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN DISCUSSIONS.

London, Feb. 15.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that discussions between the British and the Egyptian Governments were still in progress in Cairo. He hoped, however, they would be concluded in the near future.—*British Wireless.*

BRITAIN & WORLD COURT.

OPTIONAL CLAUSE DECISION.

REFUSED SIGNATURE SINCE YEAR 1920.

NO CHANGE OF VIEW.

London, Feb. 15.

In the House of Lords, a debate took place on a motion by Viscount Cecil urging the Government, after consultation with the Dominions, to accept the jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice in judiciable disputes, by signing the Optional Clause.

Lord Cushtenden, in reply, said he was unable to hold out any hope that Britain in the immediate future would change her policy, which had been consistent since 1920.

It would be unwise, Lord Cushtenden added, to go beyond the customary system of arbitration by signing the optional clause, which he did not consider really affected the question of peace.

Viscount Cecil's motion was later withdrawn.

Britain's Zeal and Haste.

Lord Cushtenden emphasised, in the course of his speech to the House of Lords, that his main difficulty in discussing disarmament at Geneva arose out of the zeal and haste with which Britain had voluntarily carried out disarmament.

He felt that if, regardless of economy, Britain had kept all her armaments until she could have used them for bargaining purposes, Britain would have been in a tremendously strong position, and could have created the greatest sensation by announcing her decision to carry out such disarmament at once as she had already done by degrees.

He pointed out that other nations had not disarmed in corresponding proportion.

The Dominions.

Lord Cushtenden further expressed the opinion that the signing of the Optional Clause would have no real bearing on the question of peace. The field of danger appeared to be fully covered by the Arbitration Agreements, of which there were eleven British with other countries, excluding the ex-enemy, at present in existence.

The field was covered by these equally well as it would be covered by signing the Optional Clause. There might be some of the Dominions, including India, ready to sign the clause, although the Government of India had entered a caveat setting forth their point of view as regards various Asiatic questions.

These latter would have to be very carefully considered, but, supposing all the interests of the Dominions could be excluded from the Optional Clause by a reservation, then it would be altogether a negative clause.—*Reuter.*

The Optional Clause.

The Optional Clause referred to in the House of Lords debate has been signed by very few of the leading Powers signatory to the League of Nations Covenant. Germany is a most notable exception. Dr. Stresemann notifying the Council in the momentous meeting of September 9th, last year, that Germany would sign.

The Clause is optional because the States which sign, accept compulsory jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice to all cases between such States whatsoever, concerning (a) the interpretation of a treaty, (b) any question of international law, (c) the existence of any fact which, if established, would constitute the breach of an international obligation, and (d) the nature or extent of the reparation to be made for the breach.

ALLEGED TRICK OF DEAD MAN.

JURY AWARDS \$8,000,000 ON J. B. DUKE ESTATE.

SUM MAY BE TRIPLED.

Newark, Feb. 15.

Probably the largest sum in damages ever allotted, to an individual plaintiff, were awarded to-day to the New England manufacturer, Mr. George D. Haskell, against the estate of the late Mr. James B. Duke, the "tobacco king."

After a lengthy hearing, the jury directed that Mr. Haskell be paid a sum of \$8,000,000 from the estate.

Evidence was given that the late Mr. James B. Duke promised to back Haskell in exploiting huge aluminum properties in the United States and Canada, but afterwards sold out to an "Aluminum Trust."

Haskell claimed damages of \$15,000,000 actual damages, but sued for \$45,000,000 under the Federal anti-trust law which authorises triple damages for losses resulting from a conspiracy tending towards the restraint of trade.

It is understood that Haskell's counsel will now move that the Court increase the award to \$24,000,000 under this law.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THAT ARBITRATION PACT.

MATTER BEING CAREFULLY DISCUSSED.

London, Feb. 15.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson stated that the preamble of the Anglo-American draft treaty of Arbitration, communicated to the British Government, contained a clause condemning war as an instrument of policy in the mutual relations of the two countries.

The whole subject was being discussed most carefully.—*Reuter.*

Perpetual Pact of Peace.

London, Feb. 15.

Mr. Locker Lampson also stated that the United States Government had communicated to the British Government, for consideration only, their draft for a pact of perpetual friendship with France. He could not say what action the Government would take at this early stage, but the matter was under very careful consideration. Asked whether the proposals submitted to France would be taken into consideration in connexion with the proposed Anglo-American treaty, Mr. C. Locker Lampson replied in the affirmative.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICAN ACTRESS BANNED.

NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY IN LONDON.

New York, Feb. 15.

Following the refusal of the British authorities to allow the American actress, Miss Alden Gray, to appear in a play in London, the Actors' Association of America has enquired of the American Consul-General in London, whether England has an immigration quota and, if so, whether actors are included.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TURKISH PETROL.

AMERICANS TAKING AN INTEREST.

London, Feb. 15.

Questioned with regard to the Turkish Petroleum Company in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, stated that it is understood negotiations are in progress between the various commercial interests concerned for the participation of American capital in the Turkish Petroleum Company.—*Reuter.*

YOUTH'S AMAZING EXPLOITS.

FORGED HIS FATHER'S WILL.

SECURED PROBATE WHILE FATHER ALIVE.

SESSIONS SENTENCE.

The amazing exploits of an 18-

year-old Chinese who employed forms of the law and committed perjury in order to obtain possession of his father's estate, while his father was still alive, were told at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan.

The prisoner swore affidavits that his father was dead and that a copy of his will was a true copy, making him (prisoner) the executor. The proceedings were so successful that probate was actually granted and the frauds were not discovered until the prisoner's father returned from the country.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro, jr., who defended, made a strong plea for leniency and told how the prisoner had been induced to lead a gay life by two malicious friends, with the result that he ran into debt. This plea was backed up by the prisoner's father in Court, and his Lordship, remarking that some of the offences were punishable by imprisonment for life, sentenced the prisoner to nine months' imprisonment.

Five Charges.

There were five counts in all, including charges of the larceny of deposit receipts for \$981.98, uttering a forged will, demanding money from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank by means of probate of a forged will and with intent to defraud, and two counts of perjury while on oath before Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

The prisoner pleaded guilty to all counts. Mr. Somers Fitzroy appeared for the Crown.

Mr. Fitzroy said that the charges related to the stealing of certain documents and receipts for money, especially one for \$500 and another for \$450. Those receipts were issued to the prisoner's father for money deposited with the Ki Fung Yuk wine shop in Bonham Strand West. On October 22nd, the father went away and did not return until the end of December. There was also a sum of \$1,500 in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which the prisoner had attempted to obtain.

Money Paid.

The papers were taken from a box, where they had been left by the father. On November 18th, the prisoner presented the deposit receipt for \$500 to the wine shop and the amount was paid. Later, he presented the receipt for \$450, which was also paid, together with interest. In accordance with the custom of the business, the receipts were torn up.

The prisoner then went to Messrs. Woo and Nash where he succeeded in obtaining papers relating to his father's estate by saying that the latter was dead.

His Lordship remarked that he understood probate was actually granted.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that Mr. Woo took the ordinary steps in the matter and various affidavits were made. There was no reason to doubt that the documents were properly executed in accordance with Chinese law and custom.

Absolute Perjury.

Having got that far, continued Mr. Fitzroy, the prisoner's next step was to instruct Messrs. Woo and Nash to write a letter to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank with regard to payment of the \$1,500. The father then appeared on the scene, however, and the whole matter was investigated.

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INDO-CHINA.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S RESIGNATION.

The following cable has been received by the Acting Governor-General of French Indo-China from M. Alexandre Varenne, former Governor-General, who recently resigned from the post on his return to France in connection with the renewal of his candidature for the French Senate as a Socialist Deputy:

"As I had previously said, the duty of presenting myself freely before my electorate from whom I had received my office of Deputy has induced me not to ask for the resumption of my Mission to Indo-China.

"It is not without regret that I have abandoned the high functions which I have exercised for thirty months and during which I have laboured with all my heart and all my strength for the greatness and prosperity of Indo-China. The work which I have undertaken will be pursued, I am firmly assured, with the same spirit of wide liberalism, by yourself and by my other collaborators for whom I have a high regard and to whom I now address my sincere thanks. I beg you to express to the Governments of the various Protectorates in the Union, with whom I have had such intimate relations, my very lively regrets at being obliged to make this resolution, but with the certainty that the loyal Protectorate policy which I have practised will continue to regulate France's action in the Far East. To the populations of the countries of Indo-China who have heaped on me without cessation the most flattering tokens of their close confidence, I beg you to assure them of my cordial regards in recognition of the effort which we had deployed for their well-being and security. I ask them more than ever, to place their confidence in the generosity and good faith of France, which knows the duties devolving from her role of a Protecting Nation, and which in order to accomplish these duties, can listen only to the counsels prompted by her heart and her kind."

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

AIRCRAFT TO DROP LIGHT BOMBS.

A notice to mariners issued by the local authorities under date of February 14 is to the effect that aircraft will drop twelve light bombs on Ganlan Rock between 10 a.m. and noon on Thursday, February 15.

Issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Poonchoy under date February 6, a notice to mariners is as follows:

Notice is hereby given that the construction of training work in broken stone is now in progress. This training wall is being built out in an easterly direction from the Old Beacon at the Ah Fung Village.

The wall is marked by two new beacons, each displaying a red flag by day and a red light by night, situated, respectively 1,700 and 3,000 feet from the Old Beacon.

All craft will continue to use the usual channel until further notice.

HOIHOW REPORT.

STORY OF RED RISING INCORRECT.

A Hoihow reader writes under date of February 11 to state that residents there were surprised to read, in the issue of February 6, a report from Chinese sources that Hoihow was on the verge of an outbreak of rioting, with "Reds" in control.

He declares this account of the situation to be absolutely incorrect, and probably written by mischief-makers with the object of creating trouble.

Our correspondent further states that Hoihow is in a state of absolute calm, although considerable trouble has broken out in certain parts of the interior of Hainan. The report of trouble at Hoihow has been the cause of much annoyance to foreign residents there, and also to the Chinese authorities.

OBITUARY.

ADMIRAL T. W. KEMP.

The death has occurred at the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, of Admiral Thomas Webster Kemp, who, during the Great War, was Senior Naval Officer at Archangel. He retired in April, 1917, on promotion to flag rank, but remained on in his post for a further 18 months. His death recalls a famous libel action which he brought against a Service newspaper.

Born on September 27, 1866, the son of Mr. & Mrs. D. Kemp, of Cromwell-road, London, Kemp entered the Navy as a cadet in January, 1880, and his early service included commissions in the Boadicea, flagship at the Cape, and the Rover, in the Training Squadron. A great proportion of his sea experience was gained abroad, and in his time he visited all parts of the world, and knew what it was to freeze in the Arctic regions of the White Sea, or to swelter in the torrid heat of the Persian Gulf. Promoted sub-lieutenant in 1886, and lieutenant in 1890, he served from 1888 to 1902 in the gunboat Porpoise, in North American waters, and then had two years in command of the torpedo-boat Karen, in India, where he showed his talent as a linguist by qualifying as interpreter in Hindustani and Arabic. Later on he also qualified as interpreter in Russian. In 1905 he joined the cruiser he Blonde, at the Cape, and was engaged in the Ashanti expedition and later in the suppression of a rising in Sierra Leone, receiving the general Africa medal and clasp. In 1909 he joined the Aurora, in China, and was mentioned for his services in the advance on Tientsin. In 1911, having been promoted to commander, he was appointed to command the Sphinx and to be Senior Naval Officer in the Persian Gulf, where he was made C.I.E. for zealous service. As a captain, which rank he reached in 1905, he commanded the cruisers Europa, Diana and Duke of Edinburgh at home and in the Mediterranean, and in September, 1913, was appointed to the London, of the Home Fleet at the Nore.

Won Libel Case.

Soon after Captain Kemp joined the London at Oban the ship was ordered to Chatham Dockyard to refit, and while she was there reports of dissatisfaction on board reached the lower-deck newspaper, the Fleet, culminating in a long letter of complaint sent to the editor signed by 12 ratings, from C.P.O. to A.B. The sequel was an article in the Fleet calling attention to the severe discipline alleged to exist on board the London since Captain Kemp took command. Soon after the appearance of the article the London was recommissioned, and Captain Kemp was not reappointed. On being placed on half-pay, he was granted permission to bring libel action against the editor, proprietors, and printers of the Fleet. After a six-days' hearing before Mr. Justice Avory and a special jury, a verdict for the plaintiff was returned with £3,000 damages. In a leading article The Times, while affirming that the trial had been of public service, pointed out that even an officer of Captain Kemp's brilliant professional career had not necessarily all the qualities to command with success a big battleship.

He was a strict disciplinarian, succeeding an officer who was known to have been less strict, and we think his own admissions show that he was not incapable of errors of judgment. On the other hand, there is some evidence that the dissatisfaction on board was deliberately worked up by a small clique among the crew. Captain Kemp was officially informed that he would not be employed again afloat. After the outbreak of the Great War, some six months later, however, Captain Kemp was appointed on September 5, 1914, to command the armed merchant cruiser Calgarian, in which he served for 12 months on blockade and escort duties. He was afterwards appointed Commodore and Senior Naval Officer at Archangel, and flew his broad pennant in the Iphigenia and Vindictive. On reaching his turn for advancement to rear-admiral in April, 1917, he was retired, but reappointed to his post and later on shifted his flag to the battleship Glory, continuing to serve at Archangel until October 30, 1918.

His War Services.

On December 13, 1918, Admiral Kemp contributed to The Times an article entitled: "The Allies in North Russia: A Defence of Intervention." Certain statements therein were challenged by Mr. Douglas Young, who had been temporary British Consul at Archangel, in a letter published on December 19, and a long rejoinder by Admiral Kemp appeared on December 28. More than a year afterwards, on

DOCTOR'S URGENT WARNING!

NEGLECTED COLDS AND INFLUENZA WEAKEN THE LUNGS.

An eminent doctor issues an urgent warning. "It is not influenza itself," he says, "which does the mischief but those grave diseases—pneumonia and bronchitis which follow in its wake." This season of changeable weather and chilly nights, spells greater danger for the lungs. Deadly germs are present in your throat and bronchials ready to strike at any weak spot.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

ROAD MANNERS.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—Austin 7's letter in today's issue of your paper is interesting as it illustrates the aptitude of the human being to blame others for his own mistakes. While admitting that road courtesy is not as it might be in this Colony, the inclusion of a puncture repair outfit in Austin 7's emergency kit would have saved him time and inconvenience.

He may well take a tip from the Boy Scouts, and "Be Prepared."—
Yours, etc.,
SOLUTION & PATCHES.

April 9, 1920, The Times, in commenting on the dispatches of Lord Rawlinson and others on the campaign in Northern Russia, observed:

"One of the reflections they [the dispatches] suggest is that when an expedition fails in its ultimate object the Government grow positively lyrical over the final evacuation, and shower decorations on those in command as the curtain falls. The leaders of the original (former) hope on the other hand, are ignored and their achievements forgotten. We have heard a great deal about the later phases of the North Russian Expedition, but until now nothing whatever about the work of Rear-Admiral Thomas Kemp and Colonel (Temporary Major-General) Pele, the two modest officers who really inaugurated an entirely novel campaign in the Arctic. Colonel Pele was afterwards made a K.B.E., but the fountain of honour seems to have left Admiral Kemp unspinked. These two officers really appear to have accomplished the task they were set."

This article was followed by a letter signed "R. N." in which the writer said that Admiral Kemp's tactful work at Archangel and Murmansk prior to the Revolution, his gallantry during the great fire at Bakuritsa in 1916, and his persistence and skill when conducting operations against Archangel and in Northern Dvina in 1918 were the admiration of his brother officers.

For his services during the war, Admiral Kemp was made C.B. on June 4, 1917, and C.M.G. a year later. The foreign honours conferred upon him included that of officer of the Legion of Honour and the Russian Order of St. Vladimir. He was promoted vice-admiral in 1923. The late Admiral was a fine sailor of what is usually called the old school, keen on his profession, as hard as nails, but holding decided views and rather given to controversy. During his career he was brilliant in some positions, but lacking in tact on occasion. When serving in North Russia, he was thus described by Captain R. S. Gwatkin-Williams, in his book, "Under the Black Ensign": "A white-haired rugged personality was this representative of Britain's far-flung sea power, and quite one of the toughest specimens of humanity it has ever been my good fortune to meet. In spite of his years he held in contempt both the climate and the mosquitoes."

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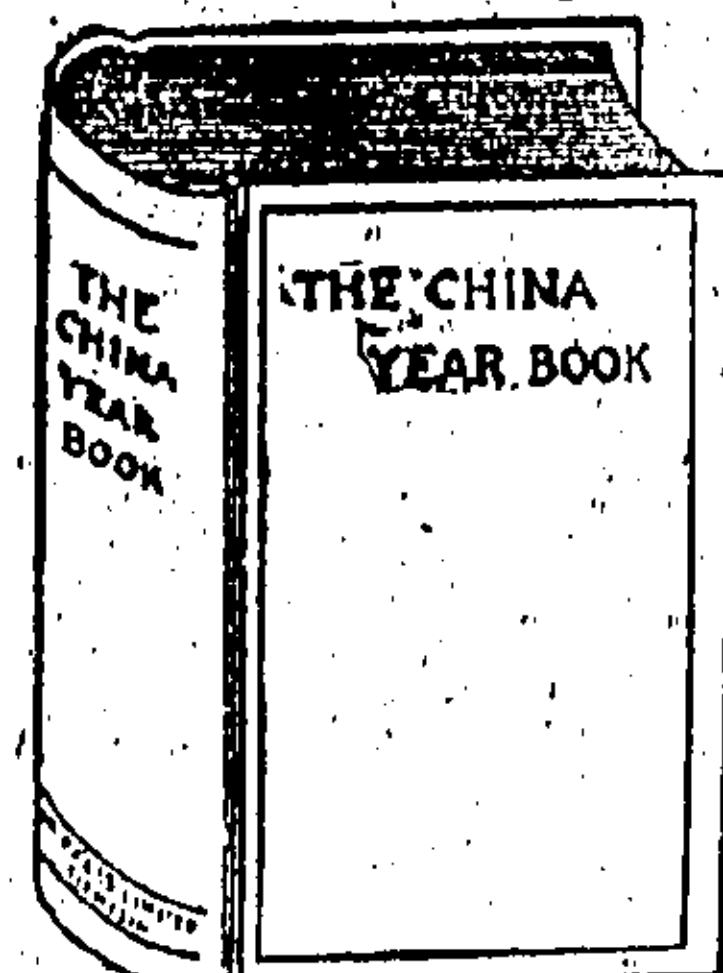
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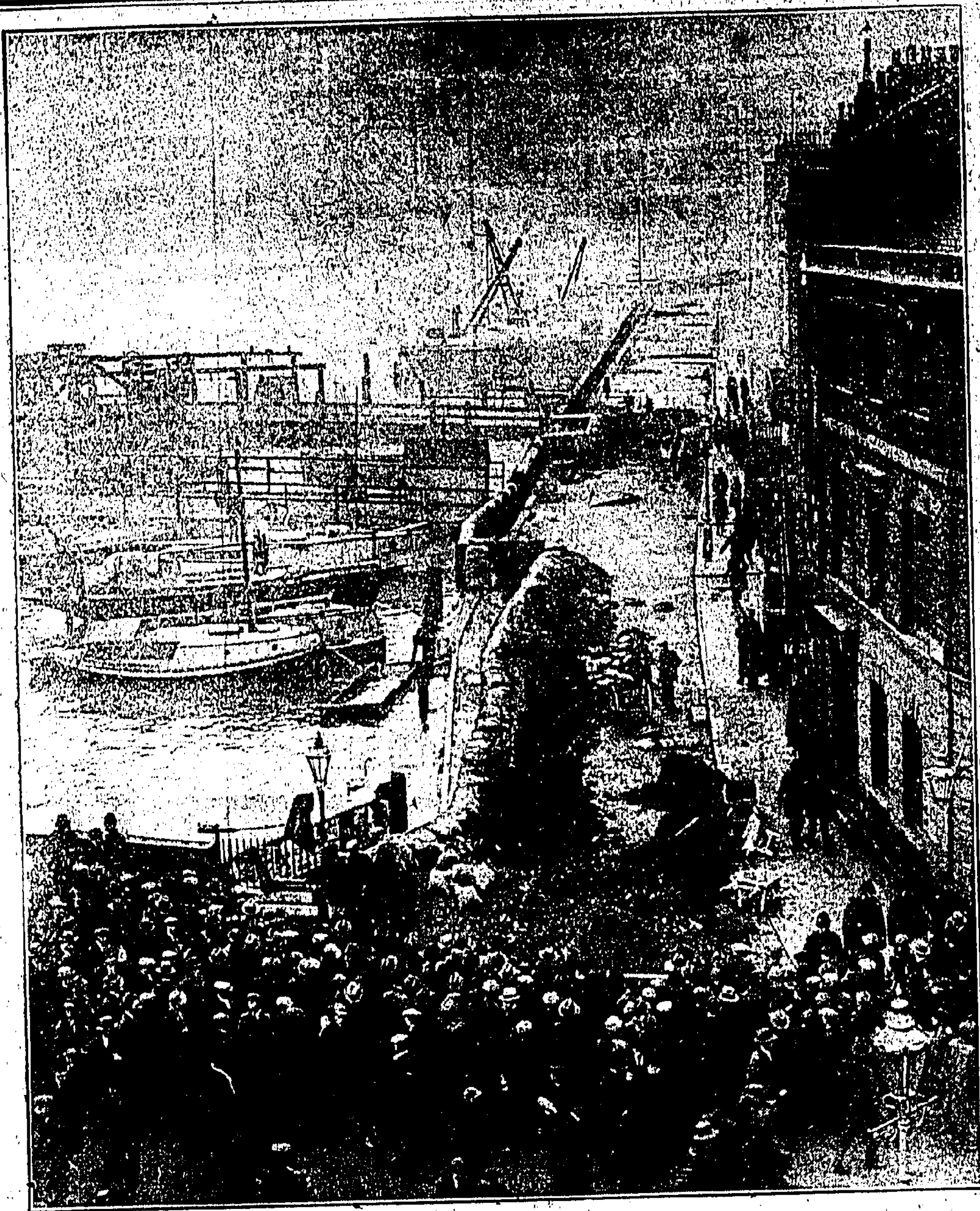
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Looking Ahead

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Looking along Governor Road, from Lambeth Bridge, where part of the Embankment wall collapsed through the recent flood. It was in a house near this break that four girls lost their lives. The roadway was torn up and presented a desolate appearance after the waters had receded. (Times copyright).



Rescuers are shown chopping away the roofs of telescoped carriages in a U. S. smash in which over 40 persons were injured.



Although this car fell forty feet in crossing a ravine without using the bridge, the passengers had a miraculous escape.



Twenty nationalities were represented at the farewell banquet given in honour of General Sir John Duncan. The chair was taken by Mr. S. Fossenden, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council.



A characteristic picture of General Sandino, the Nicaraguan rebel, who kidnapped a British Vice-Consul recently.



Mr. W. J. Holloway, now Governor of Oklahoma, that is if Governor Johnston is forced out of office.



Miss Maude Royden, the evangelist who has shocked U. S. A. by smoking.

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Mrs. F. Meinhart, who resided at 15 H. Street, Modesto, California, U.S.A. gives the following testimony about herself and her family how the Poo On Chinese Herbs have cured them. The following testimony was published in a Modesto Newspaper on January 25th, 1924.

Mrs. Meinhart says: "I owe everything to Poo On Chinese Herbs. I owe my happiness and health to-day and I believe, my very existence to these herbs. For 25 long years I suffered with severe pains in my left side that at times confined me to bed for days. I was unable to do my work or able to move about. Along with these come dropsy and stomach trouble. Due to my stomach trouble I was unable to eat very much without causing gas, pain and distress. Words cannot express my suffering during these years. I am not exaggerating a bit when I say that my husband spent thousands and thousands of dollars seeking relief from it. I have been to scores of doctors, many of whom were rated as specialists of high standing, but none were able to tell me what was the trouble and to my discouragement none were able to relieve or bring health to me. Almost every time I went to a doctor I was advised to have my side operated upon or a change of climate for my dropsy and stomach trouble. Fortunately I was never operated upon, but my family and I have spent years seeking a climate that would help me. We left our home at Kansas, Oregon and California and have consulted many specialists of these States but without avail. I have never gotten any better during these years of travelling and doctoring; but became worse and more discouraged as everything failed. Thinking a dry climate might help, we decided to try San Joaquin Valley and came to Modesto to reside. It was here after a time that I heard of the great benefit of Poo On Chinese Herbs and the great cures accredited to them. At first I was sceptical and doubtful and thought that they were another panacea. But I decided to go, thinking in my distress that there was a possible chance left. At the time I went, I weighed 125 lbs and to-day I weigh 175 lbs. I must say that the result of taking Poo On Chinese Herbs must have been miraculous to me. After taking the herbs I was first entirely cured of dropsy and stomach trouble and, after more treatment, the pain in my side left and has never returned. I have never felt better in my life than I do to-day and I owe nothing but thanks and gratitude towards Poo On Chinese Herbs and the Herbalist.

After years of suffering and after the enormous expense of travel-

ling and the endless doctors bills there is nothing that I can do but speak good for Poo On Chinese Herbs and heartily recommend them.

Four other members of my family have also been cured by the Poo On Chinese herbs, which causes me to endorse them more strongly. My husband was suffering from a sore on his lip that was painful and troublesome, and knowing that he was a heavy smoker we believed that it was turning to smoking cancer. He consulted the Herbalist and was given some Poo On remedies for the trouble and he was entirely cured and the sore has gone.

My boy Edward, aged 17, was troubled with a pain in his side which caused suffering and collapse when he did hard work. We had to see that he was exempted from High School exercises because they caused him to drop out on account of the distress that it caused. The doctor said that he had appendicitis and that it would be necessary to operate, if he expected to be well again. We decided to try Poo On Chinese herbs and after a few treatments the boy became well and is now able to do all kinds of hard work without any pain and distress.

Another one of my boys, Fred, aged 21, had suffered many years with catarrh and became worse as time went on. He tried many treatments and so-called remedies without result but we can say that after taking some Poo On Chinese herbs for a short time he was completely cured and has never been troubled since.

My daughter, Blanch, a few years ago fell and hurt her side very severely and since that time she was troubled with pain in her side and was unable to find anyone or anything that would help her. The poor girl suffered so much she had to quit work. A few treatments with Poo On Chinese herbs and the girl has been feeling normal ever since.

My whole family cannot express in words its gratitude towards Poo On Chinese herbs. They have brought health and happiness into our home and have stopped the seemingly endless doctors' bills. We all heartily recommend Poo On Chinese herbs and have sent many friends to the Herbalist and in every case they have been benefited by Poo On Chinese herbs. (During this interview regarding this story taken by a special representative of the newspaper, Mr. F. Meinhart Sr., was present and says, "We are glad to tell anyone what Poo On Chinese herbs have done for my family.")

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EUROPEAN LADY IN ATTENDANCE.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

London Gossip.

[By "Joan"]

London, Jan. 14.

There was a duly solemn first night audience to welcome "The Adding Machine," the cubist drama of despair, at the Court Theatre.

Arnold Bennett was talking to Robert Nichols, the author of that fine book of war poems, "Ardours and Endurances," and Sir Denison and Lady Ross were together in the stalls.

Laura Knight, the A.R.A., was wearing a conventional evening dress of black, sewn thickly with jet. Her flaxen hair, uncut, was dressed in smooth plaits as a frame for her strong, fine face. She wore antique earrings of pearls, mounted in heavy gold. The audience was brightened by Dorothy Dickson in day dress and looking wonderfully pretty.

People and Portraiture.

One of the few younger women in London who does not observe the rules of passing fashion is Mrs. Beddington. She wears large picture hats and has not changed her mode of hairdressing for 16 years.

This lively Irishwoman has been depicted by both Sargent and De Laszlo, and these portraits to-day are absolutely "undated."

A Royal Matinee.

Susan Duchess of Somerset tells me that she hopes soon to announce the new date of the postponed matinee of "London Pride," which the King and Queen have graciously promised to attend.

To-day the Duchess of Somerset is having a committee meeting at her house in Grosvenor-square, at which all sorts of details in connexion with the performance will be discussed and readjusted.

Informality.

The informality with which the Queen visits museums and galleries was illustrated to me not long ago when I was in one of Queen Mary's favourite museums.

A woman was with her little girl in one of the galleries, when the latter turned to her mother, exclaiming:—

"Oh, mummy, isn't that lady like the Queen?"
But neither mother nor daughter realised that "the lady" really was the Queen.

Defying Superstition.

The "Thirteen Club" lunched yesterday—Friday, the thirteenth, at Green Park Hotel, and every effort to defy superstition was strained.

The guests entered the doorway of the Royal Suite under a decorated ladder and carrying open umbrellas. The table decorations were very beautiful—sprays of peacock feathers against the background of broken mirrors and orchids. On the Louis XVI. mantelpiece were vases of mimosa boughs.

Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane was the guest of honour.

Wonderful Food.

The menu consisted of every possible variety of January. A "pauillac" or milk-fed lamb, had been brought by aeroplane from France, as the French Government does not sanction its exportation.

Peas were brought from a hothouse near Nice. The finest new green beans came from Jersey, where they are sold at this time of year for threepence a pot.

There was a salad of dandelion, slightly heated and served with chopped ham.

Miss 1928's Dress.

TO BE DELIGHTFULLY
FEMININE.

Miss 1928 is going to be delightfully feminine—if she obeys the edicts of Paris.

Her clothes will still observe the sensible lines of a short, skirt, small hat and a jumper (says the *Daily News*) but no longer will she look as though she had robbed her brother's wardrobe for her jumpers and coats.

Her short, trim skirt will be a mass of pleats—her grandmother would have used the word "kilted." Elaborate stitchery is used round the hips of some of the newest models.

Embroidery and bands of crepe-de-chine are used to decorate the new jumpers. Her coat hangs loosely from the shoulder, with a long roll collar of fox fur.

Dinner frocks will not have so many pleats as day-time skirts, but

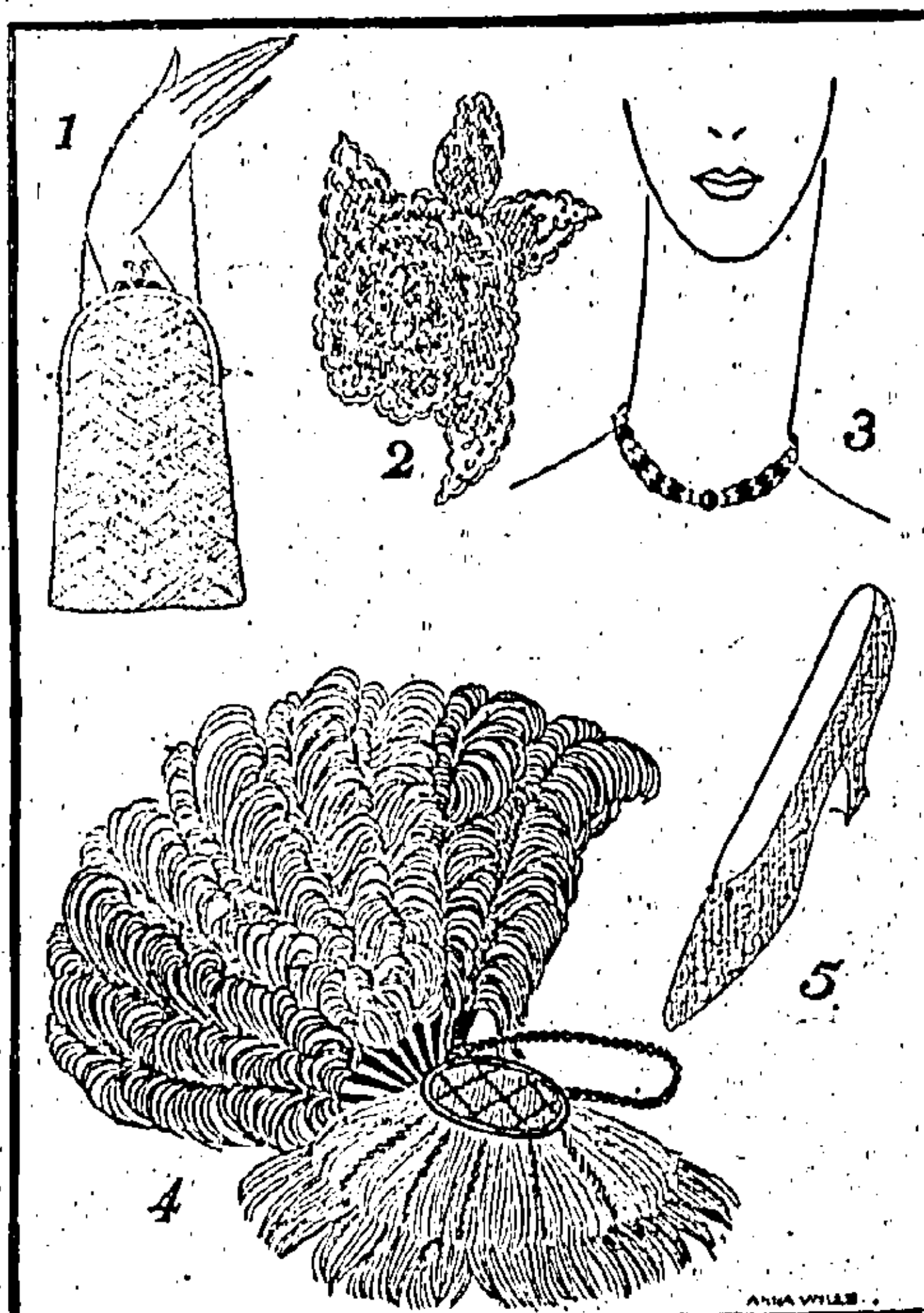
Three Tips.

FOR THE DANCING GIRL.

If your hands are apt to get moist and sticky when dancing always carry a tiny bottle of eau de Cologne in your bag. It is a very useful remedy if a few drops of the eau de Cologne are rubbed well into the skin.

To harden the skin and prevent footsoreness, bathe the feet twice a week during the dancing season (and always the night before a dance) in a basin of warm water containing one tablespoonful of the following mixture:—1oz. each of alum, salt, and borax. Afterwards rub the soles of the feet, including the heels and sides a little way up, with either methylated spirits or toilet vinegar.

When you are going to a dance and use liquid white for your arms and neck do you ever spare thought for your partner's dress suit? Most liquid powders have a slightly sticky base to make them



Accessories that lend a touch of chic at evening are these new Parisian creations: (1) a Carder green gold mesh bag of modern design; (2) dainty val lace fashioned into a shoulder or hip rose; (3) neckline of red and white beads and over-lapping gold and gun metal scales; (4) of rose and orchid ostrich mounted on tortoise shell, is this fan, matched by a bag of gold braid and ostrich, and (5) opera pump of white lace over beige with tiny jewel buckle.

their lack in numbers is made up for by the variety of ways these pleats are arranged—some in tiers, others diagonally, and so on.

Tier upon tier of tulle adds a delightful new feminine note to some of the newest evening gowns. Irregularities of the hem line are more pronounced than ever.

Then there are those little veils just come over the eyes, like a yashmak.

Leather coats, made from soft and pliable skins are making their appearance everywhere—short ones on the golf links, long ones in the country lanes and in the car.

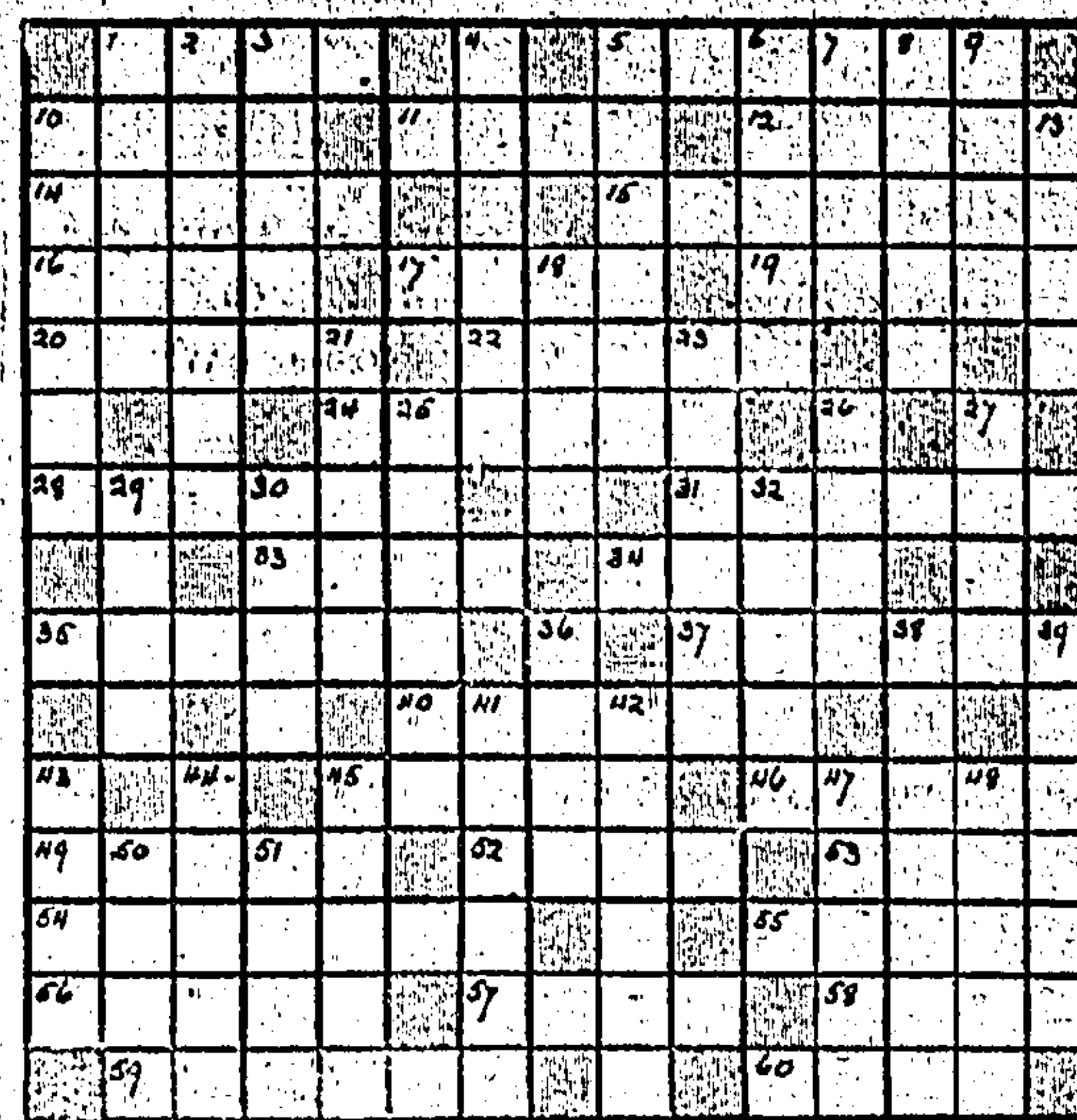
A dull leather that almost resembles fine velvet is being used

clinging to the skin. But alas! they frequently cling to the black cloth of our men friends' coats as well. To prevent this unfortunate happening wipe your arms gently but thoroughly with a clean piece of chamois after the wet-white has dried on your skin. It will still retain that smooth creamy appearance, but the leather will remove the surface powder.

In the newest models. This is dyed in soft pastel shades of blues, browns, reds, and greens, although bayik patterns can be obtained if the wearer wishes for something gay.

Similar light-weight leather is being used to line travelling coats for both men and women. Leather hats are also popular.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



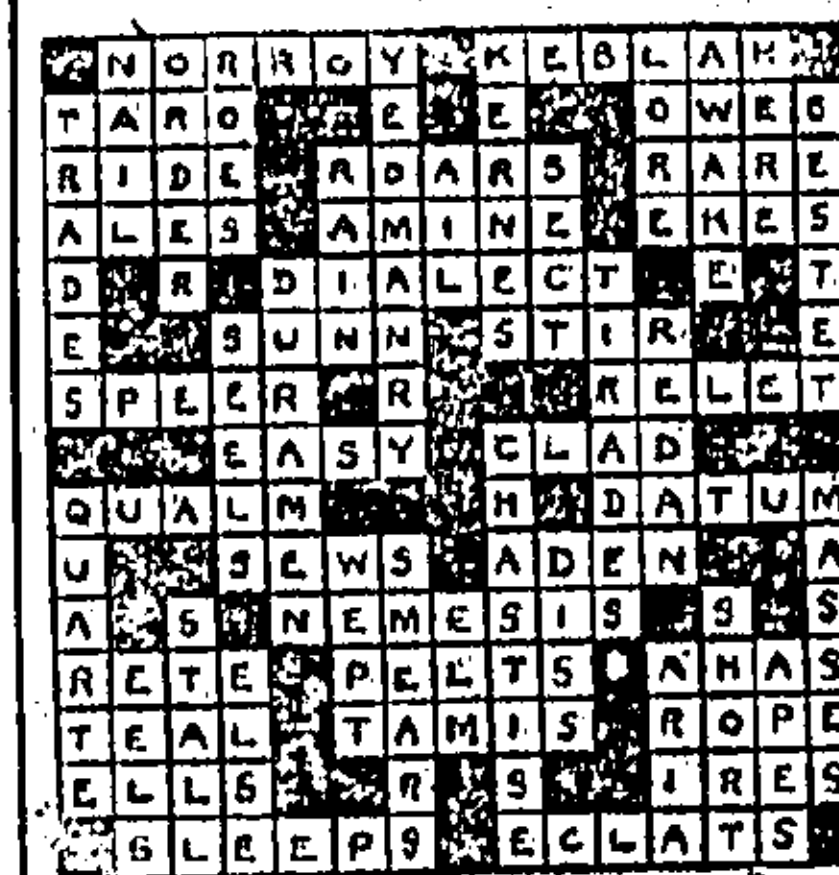
Across.

- 1 Cunning.
- 5 Perplex.
- 10 Excuse.
- 11 Plant cultivated in the Pacific Island for its roots.
- 12 Large genus of composite plants.
- 14 Look fixedly.
- 15 To tear in pieces (Arch).
- 16 Barm.
- 17 Old.
- 19 Pertaining to the navy.
- 20 Angry.
- 22 Mineral substance used for polishing metal.
- 24 Suffer.
- 28 Member of a strict Jewish sect.
- 31 Male parent.
- 33 Drill a hole-in.
- 34 An air.
- 35 Again.
- 37 Long violent speech.
- 40 Proclamations of the Turkish Sultan.
- 45 Love ardently.
- 46 An occurrence.
- 48 Struck with amazement.
- 52 Employed.
- 53 On the lee side.
- 54 American prairie-wolves.
- 55 Foreign.
- 56 Puffiness arising from water (med).
- 57 A bore.
- 58 Body garment.
- 59 Withered.
- 60 Small lake.

Down.

- 1 Change.
- 2 Explanations.
- 3 Carriages without springs.
- 4 Tattered.
- 5 Payee of a bill of exchange.
- 6 The shrew-mouse.
- 7 Largest continent.
- 8 Stanza.

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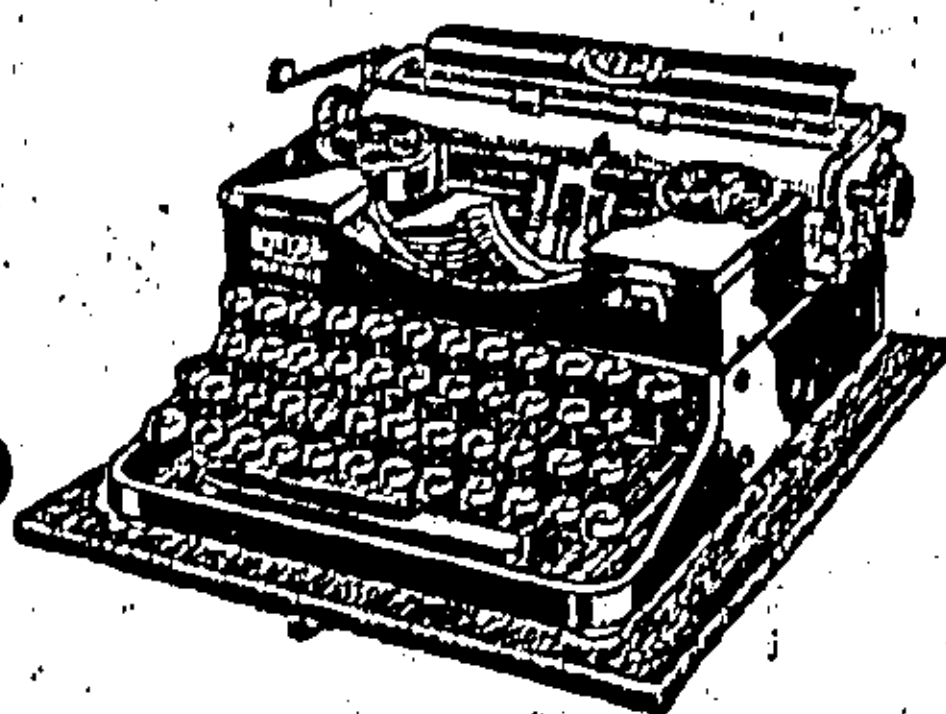
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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRASTS.

Hongkong being under the Crown Colony form of administration, the public here gets little opportunity of gaining information regarding the inner workings of the Government. It is true that the curtain is lifted somewhat at the periodical meetings of the Legislative Council, and that a close view into official activity can be gathered from the annual reports issued by the several Departments of the Government. These latter, however, by the time they reach the public are usually about a year old, and therefore of little real value. Only through the mediums mentioned, plus what can be occasionally gained from answers to questions by Unofficial members, Press interviews and personal observation, is it possible for the community to gather any detailed knowledge of how our Government functions and upon what it spends the public money.

Ratepayers who live under municipal rule, either at Home or out here in the East, are much more favoured than we are in these respects. That point has once again been impressed upon us by looking through a recent number of the *Municipal Gazette* issued in Shanghai. Like our own Government organ, this publication appears weekly, but it is scarcely the uninspiring journal that the *Hongkong Gazette* is. In addition to the minutes of Municipal Council meetings, it contains detailed information regarding the work of the various Departments for each week, covering such matters as public lighting, road improvements, staff changes, and regular reports on crime and public health. What is even much more important from the public point of view is the inclusion in the *Gazette* of all tenders received, with the names of the tenderers and the amounts of their tenders, as well as intimations of acceptances. This applies down to the smallest Government tenders, even to such a matter as food for convicts. Moreover, correspondence on various subjects of public concern is also published in full. It will thus be seen that not only does the Shanghai ratepayer get a very close insight into what the Municipality does in all branches of its activity, but what is more, he gets a constant supply of up-to-date information.

The point that strikes us in this connexion is that Shanghai people are so much more fortunate than residents of this Colony in the respects mentioned, a fact which may account in part for the larger measure of civic spirit which is displayed in the Northern settlement. If it is not possible for the Government here to take the public into its confidence to the same degree, there are at any rate features of the *Shanghai Gazette* which might with advantage be incorporated in our own official publication. In particular, we should like to see the inclusion of Government tenders and acceptances. If that were done, the public which supplies the money would know whether or not a considerable part of the Colony's revenues was being well and wisely spent.

Passing of Famous Statesman.

Thomas Hardy, Earl of Oxford and Asquith, three great national figures, have surrendered to the relentless hand of Time since 1928 was ushered in. The British nation, Liberals, Tories and Labourites alike, will truly mourn the loss of the famous veteran Liberal statesman. A politician of strong prejudices, he was a man steadfast to his cause, who saw his path clearly and trod it course unswervingly. To the last, although he had passed man's allotted span, the late Earl Asquith retained his faith in the principles of the party of which he was for so many years the dignified leader, and he earnestly sought to bind together the broken threads of that once powerful party. Contemporary memoirs attest to the firmness of character, the devotion to duty, the brilliant intellect, which influenced all with whom he came into contact during a long and honourable parliamentary career. His succession to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as Prime Minister in 1908, when the Cabinet had an unusually strong complement of strong personalities embracing the widest possible range of political conviction, marked one of the great testing periods of his life. Colleagues on every side of the House have worthily tributed the patience, imperatibility and the reserve energy by which he was enabled to guide the most stubborn controversy through to a settlement. The near approach of the end of a brilliant political career was first indicated in August, 1914. In a sense, he had lost a good deal of his former domination, some of his friends were ambitious, and the clash of convictions in the Ministry exhausted his powers. Lifelong associations were broken on the political wheel in that time of stress. Anxious discussions when the world crisis was most pregnant found the late Earl Asquith cool and confident that his policy was the right one. In those days of anxiety, he stood out in dignity of thought, prepared to put the Nation before the party, and satisfied that he was interpreting the will of the country. In the eloquent phraseology by which he first voiced Britain's war aims, Mr. Winston Churchill has described him, in reference to those days, as being "solid as a rock." We all know the history of the following days, but the cry of "Wait and see" upon which his political opponents seized will not be the guiding factor in an analysis of his purposes. Britain was enriched when Mr. Asquith gave up a valuable practice at the Bar to take up politics. His removal from this plane is a severe blow, and the Empire will sincerely condole with the relatives of this avowed Imperialist.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 15.

Paris	124
Geneva	25.34
Berlin	22.42
Oslo	18.31
Helsingfors	19.34
New York	4.87 15/32
Amsterdam	12.10%
Stockholm	18.10
Vienna	34.95
Madrid	28.05
Brussels	25.01
Milan	23.20
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	18.42
Lisbon	219/34
Athens	307 1/2
Bucharest	794 1/2
Rio	5.15/16
Buenos Aires	47.29/32
Bombay	1/5 15/16
Shanghai	2/0%
Hongkong	2/0%
Yokohama	1/11 1/32
Silver (spot and forward)	2.20%

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

THE MAN WHO CAN MAKE UP HIS MIND QUICKLY MAKES UP OTHER PEOPLE'S MINDS FOR THEM.—G. H. Lorimer.

There was again a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

Having left Singapore at 6 a.m. on the 14th instant, the P. and O. s.s. Mirzapore is due here on the 21st instant.

The body of Lau Kwan, aged 25, a Chinese employed at the Knutsford Hotel, Kowloon, was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary yesterday. The man was found hanging by the neck in the canteen.

A Chinese who jumped into the Harbour yesterday from ferry launch Man Kwong, running to Shamshulpo, was rescued by a seaman of that launch and removed later to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The s.s. Fatsan (Captain Mitchell) after completion of repairs and refit extending over six weeks, will be undocked from Taitoo today, and will resume duty on the Canton run at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Lord and Lady Stratheden arrived in Hongkong on Tuesday by the Sphinx from Saigon. Lord Stratheden is a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, the 2nd Battalion of which is going Home from Shanghai.

Passengers departing by the Blue Funnel s.s. Aeneas to-day included Mr. and Mrs. L. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. R. J. McNicol, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Parker, Mr. P. Alfrey, Mr. Somers H. Ellis and Mr. N. L. H. Railton.

In connexion with the larceny of electric telephone wires, a police report states that a man named Leung Fook, an odd job cooly, living on the hillside in an unnumbered hut at Saiwanho, was arrested yesterday. Thirty-seven yards of wires were found in his possession.

Pearls, jadestones and bracelets to the value of \$725 were stolen from a Chinese jewellers shop, at 136 Queen's Road Central between 7.30 and 8 p.m. yesterday. According to a report made to the police, a closed showcase was cut open by the thieves, who then extracted the valuables.

The Y.M.C.A. wireless broadcasting station at the Lee Theatre is to carry out another test tomorrow from 6.15 to 8 p.m. Improvements in transmission have been effected during the week, and as many listeners as possible are asked to report to headquarters. The test will be on a wave-length of 340 metres.

In connexion with the raid by a party of police on a house in Bowring Street, Yaumati, on Tuesday, two inmates of the premises were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with being in possession of seventeen forged ten dollar bank notes. Both defendants were remanded for one week.

At the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club on Monday night, there is to be a debate on the motion: "That a University education is not a necessary prelude to a successful career." The motion will be proposed by Mr. R. H. Hollis, seconded by Mr. A. J. May, whilst the opposition will be led by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, supported by Miss M. M. Clark.

An alarm was received by the Central Fire Brigade last night from No. 10, Water Street, occupied by a firm of firewood merchants. On the arrival of the fire engines, it was discovered that a few sparks from the second floor had set alight some rubbish stacked in the backyard of the ground floor. The fire was extinguished by the inmates before the arrival of the Brigade.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 10 departures, with Japanese registering the best inward and British the best departures. Tonnage was fair, but British cargoes were not good. Japanese returned the heaviest freights, while there were only two through consignments of four figures, one each Japanese and British. At 9 a.m. there were 79 vessels in harbour of which 27 were British.

Three popular screen players, Tom Meligan, Renee Adoree and Alleen Pringle, head the cast of "Tin Gods," the chief picture in the new movie programme at the Star Theatre to-day. The story concerns the old yet ever new theme of "the man who came back." "Tin Gods" will be screened until Saturday, and Kowloon cinema-goers should note that the movie programme ends at 8.30, the Banvard Musical Comedy presenting a piece at 9.15 p.m. each evening, the piece to-night being the big London success, "Katja the Dancer."

EXPORT RETURNS DELAYED.

TECHNICAL OFFENCE BY
MESSRS. R. & S.

Mr. M. M. Watson appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Police Court this morning, to answer a summons on behalf of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire who were prosecuted by the Import & Export Office for failing to make a declaration of tobacco and liquors exported by the s.s. Klu-kiang the also with making an incorrect declaration.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, who prosecuted, said the summonses were taken to bring home the necessity of making the returns. He said that the Klu-kiang left Hongkong on February 2nd but it was not until February 11th that the returns were made.

Pleading guilty to a technical offence, Mr. Watson stated that he wished to explain that the Klu-kiang sailed for Saigon in ballast and therefore the usual return was not written out. Later on, when returns were asked for, these were supplied as "nil" returns because what little tobacco or liquor the vessel carried was for the ship's stores.

Mr. Sayer pointed out that specific details were printed on the form regarding tobacco and liquor as ships stores.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 on each of the charges.

BRILLIANT SHOW.

"WHIRLED INTO HAPPINESS"
SUCCESS.

Making their last appearance on this side of the Harbour, the Banvard Musical Company scored an immense success with their performance of "Whirled Into Happiness."

The show is by far the most outstanding of the productions submitted by the Company. Miss Winifred Dale, considerably enhancing an already splendid reputation with a remarkable interpretation of the role of Dolphine de Lavalliere, the music-hall star. Her broken English is an achievement, while she acts and sings superbly throughout.

The fund of humour at the disposal of John Hagan is given little better opportunity than in the part of Matthew Platt, while equally successful are Frank Atkinson and William Senior. Miss Ethel Lancaster and Miss Kathleen D'Arcy take leading roles for the first time, and high praise indeed, is due them. It is a musical farce with never a dull moment, and the surprise in connexion with the production is that the Company has not given it more frequently.

This evening, the Banvard Company open a short season in Kowloon.

KWANGTUNG TAX PROCEEDS.

SCHEME FOR UNITY OF
COLLECTION.

To check the prevailing practice among the leaders of the troops in Kwangtung of retaining the proceeds of taxation, and to secure unity in tax collection throughout the whole province, Mr. Feng Choman, the Commissioner of Finance, a few days ago sent a delegate to Shui-kwan, in northern Kwangtung, to negotiate with General Fan Shek-sang, the Commander of troops on that part of the province. The proposal is to establish a tax Collection Bureau in Shui-kwan, and all funds collected by this Bureau will be sent direct to the Canton Treasury.

Delegates will also be dispatched to Kowchow and Luchow, two of the biggest districts on the southwestern part of Kwangtung to open similar Tax Bureau there.

KWANGTUNG "REDS."

AUTHORITIES ADVISED TO BE
ON ALERT.

An official report from Canton declares that, following the drastic measures adopted by the authorities in exterminating Communist elements inside the city, most of the "Red" leaders are known to have fled to cities on the West River, such as Szewul, Shui-hing, Takking and Kongmoon.

Canton officials have advised the authorities of West River districts to the effect that a keen eye should be kept on the movements of the Peasants' Associations and the Labour Guilds.

Recent reports from Kongmoon show that some of the Labour Guilds in that city, including the Chinese Seamen's Union, have been raided by the police.

Scientific literature does not record a single instance of a person living beyond the age of 105.

The Very Idea!

An actress was taking her dog for a walk in the park. She met her deadliest rival, clad in a new fur coat.

The dog began to leap in friendly fashion around the wearer of the coat, and his mistress, apologised sweetly.

"Do forgive my Fido," she said, "he's so keen on rabbiting."

Tempt her not with choes and candles.

Lay no bonbons at her feet; Though tremendous the demand is, Gifts like these are indiscreet.

She would fain keep slim and slender, Fleet of foot and light of weight;

From the dread "O.S." defend her.

If your love is really great, Soon you'll win her admiration By such tactics, kind and sane,

And her words of adoration Will become a sweet refrain.

All the great War relics in Manchester parks will be scrapped and sold as old metal if a decision of the Parks Committee is ratified by the Corporation. The Committee had previously resolved to get rid of the relics in Platt Fields, and recently decided to include those in the other parks as well, some members regarding them as useless, and others as repulsive.

My grievance about the Underground is one of long standing—"Straphanger," Chiswick.

Science has done and can do much for the modern housewife, but it cannot make her house a home.—C. W. R., Brighton.

A magistrate recently pointed out to a witness that golf is no crime. The way some people play it is.—H. M. V., Ashton-under-Lyne.

"I thought your wife's name was Elizabeth?"

"So it is."

"Then why do you call her Peggy?"

"Short for Pegasus."

"What has that to do with it?"

"Why, Pegasus is feminine for Pegasus."

"Well?"

"Well, Pegasus is an immortal steed."

"What of that?"

"Sh! not so loud. She's in the next room. You see, an immortal steed is an everlasting nag, so there you are."

The following examination paper "howlers" are vouched for by Miss Spear, joint principal of Oldfield Lodge Secondary School for Girls, Bath:—

Joan of Arc's father was a pheasant.

At the Battle of Crecy the soldiers found a Ford motor van, by which they crossed the river and so were saved.

God tried Abraham by giving him a wife and children.

The spies who brought a report of the city of Jericho said the land was flowing with milk and honey, and brought a big bunch of grapes to prove it.

Miss Spears tells how, when a little boy and girl were taking turns hiding a ball, she heard the girl earnestly urge the boy to move like God when hiding the ball. Questioned, the little girl explained she meant "in a mysterious way."

It may be no crime to "step-out" with a former wife—divorces being sometimes matters of slight import when between friends—but threatening the one-time spouse because she turns down the attentions of ex-friend hubby, is sometimes costly business.

Lucille Shaw, appeared in a Portland (Ore.) court, against Walter Voge, her former husband, because he pointed a revolver at her during an argument in which he sought to convince her that they should go to places and do things.

Now Voge is serving six months in jail as a result of his methods of argument. In addition he paid a fine of \$500.

The Conservative party would be sound enough if ginged up a little by the industrial community.—Mr. P. J. Hannon.

There is no fear of a shortage or the cessation of our natural petroleum supply.—Professor Alfred W. Nash.

The Church has had a challenge thrown out to it but we are not going to change the Prayer Book.—The Bishop of London.

A foreign lady reported to the No. 2 Police Station that on leaving the race course on Tuesday afternoon she discovered the loss of two diamond rings. She could not say whether she had dropped the rings or whether a thief had stolen them from her hand in the dense crowd. One of the rings is worth \$100 and the other \$120.

TWO CHARGES OF MURDER.

THE STREET BATTLE WITH ROBBERS RECALLED.

TRIAL AT SESSIONS.

The battle between police and armed robbers in the early morning of December 7th last, when Sergt. McMahon was seriously wounded, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, when Chan Hung was brought up for trial on two murder charges.

Prisoner was the man who is alleged to have run away from the scene of the encounter, and, during the course of a long chase, to have shot dead an unarmed Chinese searcher who tried to intercept him and to have so seriously wounded a Chinese constable that the latter died.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is for the Crown and Mr. D'Almada e Castro, jr., is defending.

The jurors empanelled were Mr. C. Bird, (foreman), Mr. L. E. Guterres, Mr. G. Engel, Mr. A. G. Mohammed, Mr. A. Hevey, Mr. S. Yu Man, and Mr. E. Abraham.

Mr. Fitzroy outlined the circumstances of the case, after which Dr. J. R. Craig gave evidence of the prisoner's admission to hospital with two bullet wounds, one of which was in the thigh.

Replying to Mr. D'Almada e Castro, witness said he could not say at what distance the shots had been fired from, but he thought it was a considerable distance, as in the case of the thigh wound, the bullet had not gone completely through. The bullet must have been spent; otherwise, it would have gone right through. Neither of the bullets would have rendered the prisoner immediately unconscious, but the bullet in the thigh would have disabled him and caused him to fall.

Witness could not say whether the prisoner was searched at the hospital. He was not unconscious when admitted. One of the bullets was of .38 calibre. The other was too much flattened for him to be able to state its calibre. The case is proceeding.

YANGTZE FIGHTING.

OPERATIONS AGAINST GENERAL YANG SEN.

Ichang, Feb. 15. Fighting is expected up the river, as it is reported that operations against Yang Sen have started.—Naval Wireless.

Shasi, Feb. 15. Fighting has occurred on the river about fifty miles below Shasi, the 2nd Army under Loh Ti-ping having taken action against the 35th Army under Ho Chen. The attacking force, the 2nd Army, is receiving assistance from Admiral Chen, who is sending two gunboats from Yochow.

Owing to bandit activity, the Nanking Government has been asked to supply a gunboat to take repressive measures.—Naval Wireless.

LAW SOCIETY'S PROSECUTION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of setting up in business with some sort of advertisement of qualification to do the work of a solicitor in the way of giving legal advice, drawing legal documents, etc., etc., for gain.

Trade Protection Associations appear to be world-wide, and to find an employee of such an Association guilty of an offence who sends a dunning letter threatening to institute proceedings, whereas if he uses the words "Instruct a solicitor to institute proceedings" the law admittedly could not touch him, would be to my mind an anomaly.

Where unlawful threats are used, the law of blackmail should be sufficient to protect the public. The summonses must be dismissed.

Another of the popular dances organised in connexion with St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club was held at Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant last evening, and proved extremely enjoyable. Many couples danced to the strains of the Titania Melodians.

Tender of the Clyde Engineering Works of Sydney has been accepted for the construction of 100 steel carriages for the new Sydney electric railway, the carriages to cost £5,400 each.

Mr. P. M. Bright, Chairman of the Management Committee of the Royal Victoria West Hants Hospital, Bournemouth, has made a statement in reference to Judge Hyslop Maxwell's recent criticism of the hospital's charges of 10s. a day to a patient treated after an accident.

STAR FERRY CO. MEETING.

A NEW BOAT BEING CONSTRUCTED.

PIER IMPROVEMENTS COST OVER \$103,000.

PROFIT ON OLD BOATS.

Considerably increased profits were reported at the shareholders' meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., held this afternoon, at which the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided. In the course of his speech, the Chairman announced that the improvements to the Ice House Street pier had cost \$103,069.

Three old boats had been sold at a profit of \$21,000 over their book values. A new boat, with a wider gangway, is to be put into service in May; and Coal has been found cheaper than oil, and all the Company's boats have now been put on the former.

Chairman's Speech. The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report, have been in your hands for some days, and I will, with your permission, follow the usual custom and take them as read.

The year under review shows an increase over the previous year in gross earnings from traffic of \$86,310.40 and in net profit of \$70,774.04, which I trust you will consider satisfactory. After transferring \$50,000 to Reserve, \$20,000 to Accident Fund and \$1,484.86 to Special Repairs Fund, there remains a balance of \$322,437.15, which includes \$31,225.71 brought forward from last account. It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus of \$1.50 per share, absorbable \$230,000, and carry forward \$12,437.15. I trust shareholders will approve of these appropriations.

Cost of Pier Improvement. The \$1,484.86 placed to the Special Repairs Fund is the amount required to balance the expenditure on repairs to Ice House Street pier; as these are now complete, this account is closed. The total cost of the work on the pier amounted to \$103,069.68, of which \$28,124 has been dealt with as capital expenditure.

Three of the older vessels were sold during the year at a profit of \$21,000 over their book values. Another New Boat. We now have four of the modern boats and two old ones. Another new one is being constructed and will be put into service in May next. A wider gangway is being tried in this new boat to enable passengers to get on and off more quickly. If it is a success, the question of altering the others will be considered.

Careful comparisons have been made of the cost of oil, which some of the launches have been burning, with coal, and as the latter has worked out cheaper, all the boats have been put on to coal. The repairs and alterations to Ice House Street pier, which I referred to at our last meeting, have been completed and I think it will be generally agreed that the new arrangements are a great improvement.

Director's Remuneration. You will observe in the notice convening this meeting reference is made to the resolution passed by shareholders present at our last meeting, to increase the Directors' remuneration from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per annum. The matter was referred to the Company's solicitors, who advised that as the proposal constituted "Special business," shareholders should receive notice of the resolution. This has now been done and requires confirmation.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability which shareholders may desire to ask.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. A. H. Compton and was carried unanimously.

Bonus For Directors. Mr. J. M. Alves proposed:—That payment be made to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly remuneration of \$1,000 payable to them under the Company's Articles of Association, as from 1st January, 1928. This was seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey and was carried unanimously.

The appointment of Messrs. A. H. Compton, T. G. Weall, and C. Gordon Mackie, as directors, was confirmed.

THE PAN-AMERICAN SPLIT.

CHIEF ARGENTINE DELEGATE ANNOYED.

MAY SEVER RELATIONS

Havana, Feb. 15.

Following the non-appearance of the Argentine delegates at this morning's session of the Committee on Pan-American Union Affairs, a rumour has arisen that Dr. Pueyrredon has resigned the chairmanship of the Argentine delegation, and also his position as Ambassador to Washington.—Reuter's American Service.

Havana, Feb. 15.

Some of the most influential members of the Pan-American Conference frankly admit that it is confronted with problems at present insoluble. The United States and Argentine notably have clashed over the tariff issue. The conference will consequently close, as previously arranged, on February 20, with much business unfinished.

Refuses to Sign.

Later. At the Pan-American Conference discussion on the tariff issue, Dr. Pueyrredon (Argentine) announced that he would not sign a convention which did not include reference to the necessity of abolishing the excessively high barriers to the free flow of inter-American commerce.

Mr. Charles Hughes (America), replying, declared that insistence thereon would affect the vital sovereign rights of nations.—Reuter's American Service.

JUNK'S ARSENAL.

FINE FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS.

Satisfied that the defendant had every intention of applying for a licence for keeping two rifles which had been brought into the Colony, the police did not press a charge of unlawful possession of two rifles, 115 rounds of corresponding ammunition and 51 rounds of Mauser ammunition, which was brought against a partner of a trading junk, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, was also charged with being in possession of dynamite bombs, detonators and fuses.

Sub Inspector Dordling said the defendant's boat was visited on Monday morning and in the forehold the police found the rifles and the dynamite. The contraband was not concealed in any way, except that the rifles were contained in sacks.

On enquiries being made, the police were informed that a loki had received instructions to apply to the Harbour Office for the two rifles to be entered on the licence. Although the licence had been left at the Office, no application was made. This might have been an oversight on the part of the loki.

His Worship said that a fine of \$50 on each charge would meet the case.

RUBBER PROFITS.

THE ANGLO-JAVA DIVIDEND.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, Shanghai Office, advise that the Anglo-Java Estates, Limited, have declared a final dividend of 6% and a bonus of 6%, equivalent to 12s. 0d. making, with the two interim dividends already paid, 12s. 0d. for the year.

The profit for last year is £1,250,000, being £1,500,000 less than that of the previous year.

Mr. Frank Austin proposed and Mr. J. Hyde seconded that the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, retiring director, be re-elected, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. C. E. Terry, seconded by Mr. A. Silva, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A. C. A., was re-elected auditor for the ensuing year.

The Chairman announced that that concluded the business and added that dividend warrants could be obtained on application on and after to-morrow, the 17th instant. Directors present were the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman), Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. T. G. Weall, and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie; also Mr. F. H. Craynell, Secretary. Shareholders present were Messrs. W. S. Bailey, C. M. Manners, C. E. Terry, J. M. Alves, H. H. M. da Silva, J. T. Bagram, Frank Austin, J. Hyde, D. Mackenzie, C. F. Lee and K. V. Harris.

CHINA BUILDING FATALITY.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

SKULLS USED BY DOCTOR IN ILLUSTRATION.

SIMILAR TRAGEDIES.

In the Second Court of Criminal Sessions, before the Puisne Judge this morning, Lo Shi-hing was charged with the manslaughter of Ho Kwong-hoi at the premises of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas Day. Mr. H. K. Holmes appeared for the Crown and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for the defence.

When the jury was empanelled, a member addressed his Lordship and said that he had been advised that if the case was a long one he might be called away. He was the veterinary surgeon to the Dairy Farm and this was the dangerous reason.

His Lordship:—You are not exempt, are you? I can't exempt you. You will have to remain and do your duty with the other gentlemen.

The Incident Recalled.

Outlining the case, Mr. Holmes said the events took place on December 25th when the deceased, who was a schoolboy, was sitting on a sofa in the Association's premises. The prisoner went up to him and touched his cheeks, and, apparently resenting this, Ho made an attempt to kick the prisoner. The latter pushed the other boy back on to the sofa but he got up again and was then struck by the prisoner on the side of the head.

He went home feeling "out of sorts" and died the following morning. The case the Crown desired to bring home was that the accused struck the deceased and unthinkingly killed him. It was not put higher than that.

Although the accused started the quarrel or affair he might in his turn have received some provocation by the deceased kicking his shins. The blow as a blow was not accidental but it was intentional and unlawful and the deceased would not have died but for the injury caused by the blow.

Medicine Given.

The mother was called to give evidence and in cross-examination by Mr. Jenkin said the boy told her he had fallen down in the street. He did not say he had hurt his head.

In answer to the jury, witness said a Chinese doctor was called in and prescribed medicine which was administered. He did not say what the boy was suffering from, but said his condition was serious.

A schoolboy who was present at the time described the incidents of the evening and said that when Lo rose from the sofa he appeared to be quite angry. In answer to Mr. Jenkin, witness agreed that six people had given evidence as eye witnesses. Some of the latter were friends of the witness.

Fooling About.

Mr. Jenkin:—Prisoner and deceased were very good friends?—I should not say so. They were chums and played together?—Yes.

They often fooled about just as they did on this night?—I have not seen such fooling about before. Dr. Alexander Cannon, who made a post mortem examination, described the nature of the injuries. He asked for some person in Court to stand up so that witness could demonstrate his remarks to the jury.

Inspector Grant went into the witness box and Dr. Cannon pointed out on him where the swelling on the boy's head took place. Witness also used a skull to further illustrate his remarks.

Doctor's Illustrations.

Asked what kind of a blow would cause the injury to the head he had described, witness said there was no question that it must have been a blow with something in the nature of a closed fist in order to get the vibration necessary to cause an injury both inside and outside the skull. It could not have been caused by a cricket ball. He thought a fist was most likely to have caused the injury.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said he had experience of four other cases of a similar injury. All were caused by a fist and death ensued, although at varying times after the potential blow.

He thought that in two of the cases the injury was caused by blows struck in playground fights at schools. At home and a third case was, he believed, similar. He thought the other case was one in which two boys were boxing at school without gloves.

The case is proceeding.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL CO-OPERATION.

STREET UNIONS' BITTER CRITICISM.

MORE SEATS WANTED.

Publication in the Shanghai Municipal Gazette of the correspondence between the Shanghai Municipal Council and Mr. Yu Yeh-ching, President of the Chinese Ratepayers' Association, regarding the appointment of a Chinese Advisory Committee of seven to assist in framing the 1928 budget, has brought forth some bitter criticism from one Chinese community organization, according to the Chinese newspapers.

This body is the Amalgamated Association of Streets Unions, which, in a lengthy manifesto, accuses the Ratepayers' Association of allowing the original Chinese demands to be swept aside.

Following the correspondence between the Council and Mr. Yu the following committee is now functioning by assisting in drawing up the budget:—Messrs. Tanyee Poi, Li Ming, S. C. Zing, L. T. Yunn, Zee Pin-wei, T. K. Ho and M. D. Wong.

The Street Unions' manifesto published in the Chinese newspapers states the published correspondence has caused much surprise because instead of pressing for more seats on the Council, the Ratepayers' Association has accepted the suggestion of a "Chinese Advisory Committee."

The Unions demand that the status be changed and adherence to the original demands regarding more seats, increased educational facilities for Chinese children, be maintained. Otherwise, the Unions state, the work of the past few years for the realization of these demands will be wasted.

The Street Unions demand the withdrawal of the committee until the status has been changed, and point out as one item of criticism that officials connected with the May 30 incident are receiving pensions.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Name Abraham's birthplace. What recent discoveries have been made there?
2. What famous art collection has recently been left to the nation?
3. Who has been appointed Governor of Windsor Castle, and whom does he succeed?
4. What are (a) spirits of salts, (b) salts of lemon?
5. Who was the first monarch to be styled "Majesty"?
6. What two Elizabethan dramatists were famous for the work they did in collaboration?
7. What is a Telemark?
8. Where does the Thames rise?
9. Who referred to Shakespeare as "Sweet swan of Avon"?
10. Who was King of France at the outbreak of the French Revolution?
11. Name the authors of the following lines:—"Tis distance lends enchantment to the view"; "Oh that those lips had language"; "The mind's the standard of the man"; "Sweet is pleasure after pain."
12. What in a church are the following: A veredon, a piscina, a rood-screen?

The widow of Simon Scott, who introduced modern advertising methods into Italian newspapers, has died at Monte Carlo, leaving five million lire (about £55,000), and nominating in her will Signor Mussolini as executor to carry out the disposal of the fortune for the benefit of Italian institutions and charities in accordance with her dispositions, which range from a million to the Rome hospital down to comparatively small sums for needy artists.

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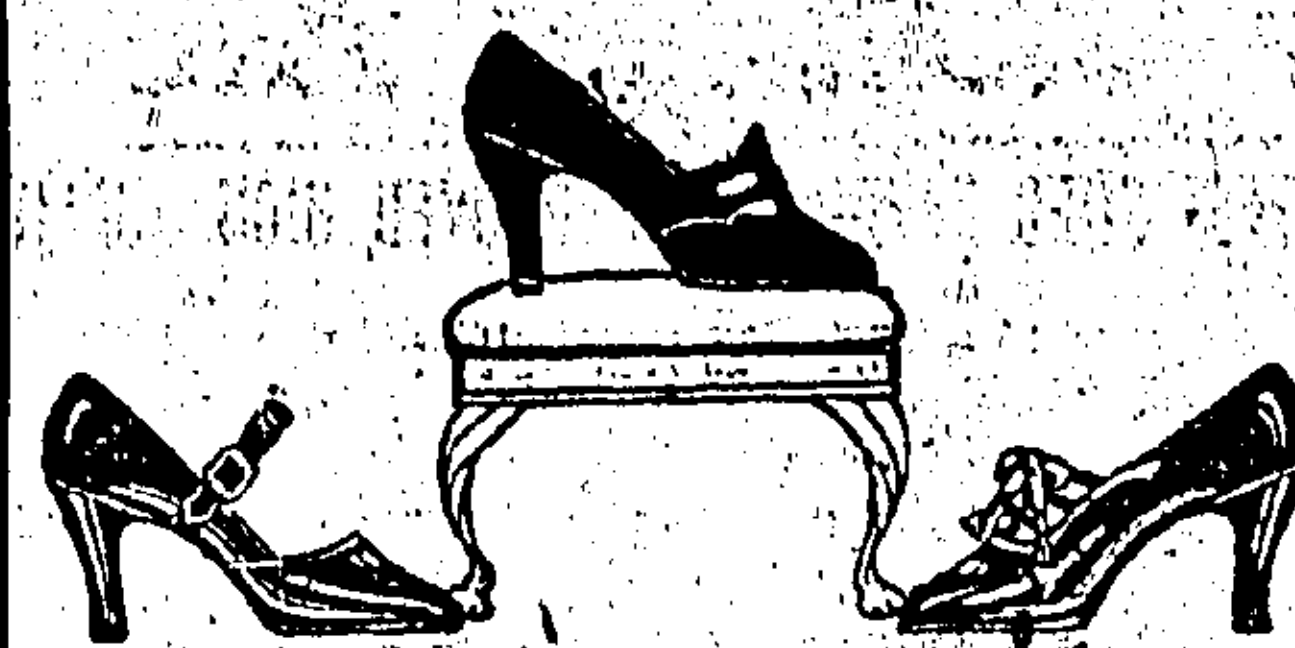
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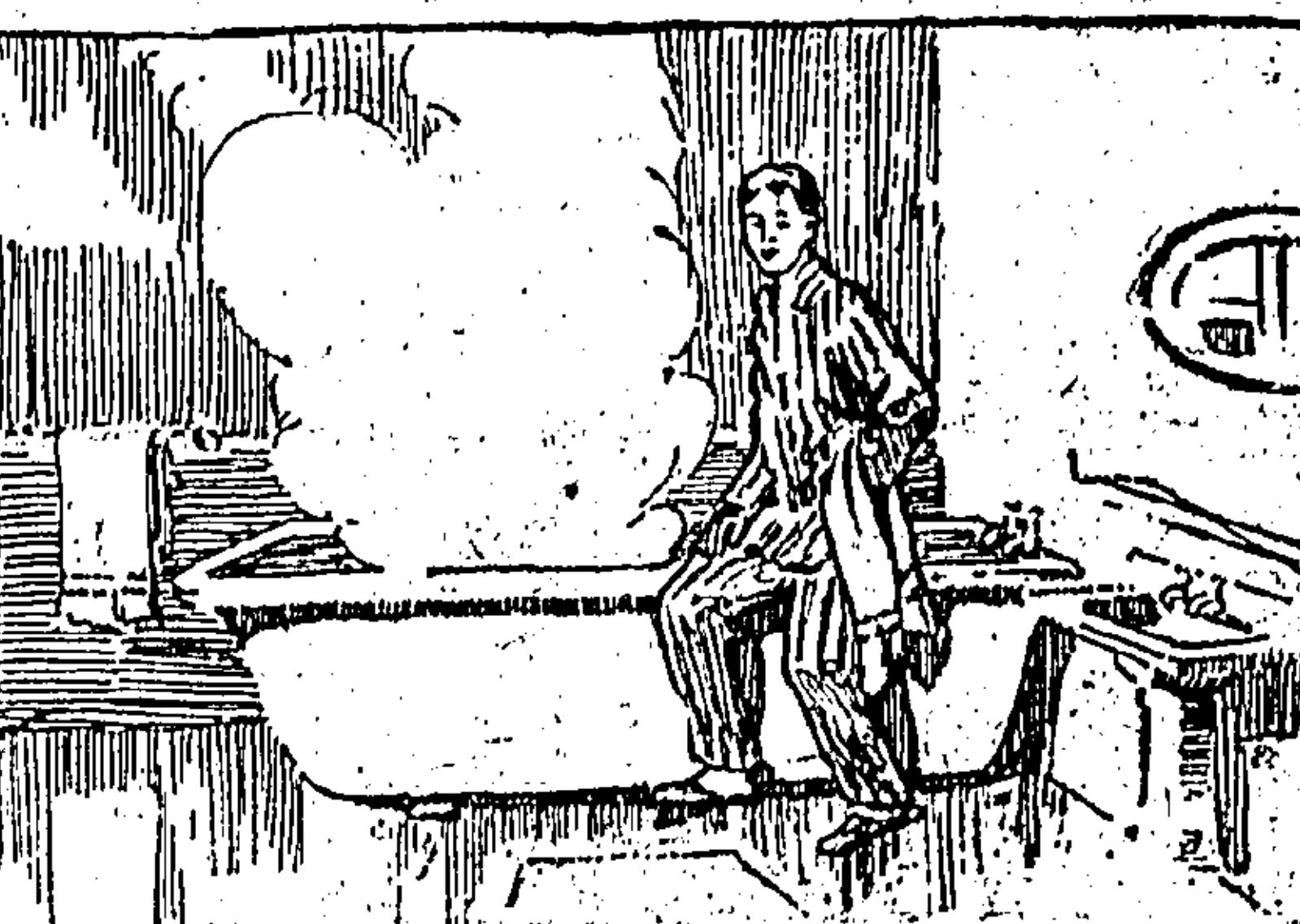
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SCHOOL CRICKET.

DIOCESAN WIN OVER QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Yesterday afternoon, the Diocesan Boys' School met Queen's College in a cricket match on the Indian Recreation Club's ground and secured an easy victory. The scores were:

Diocesan Boys.				
D. J. N. Anderson, retired	112			
W. H. Kwan, b. Ismail	2			
E. R. Zimmern, c. Rumjahn, b. Ismail	21			
R. Lee, b. Ismail	0			
G. Lee, c. Sallah, b. Fletcher	1			
F. K. Lee, c. Sallah, b. Fletcher	1			
L. C. Kau, c. Rumjahn, b. Sallah	3			
A. Prata, b. Rumjahn	0			
F. Fong, c. Rumjahn	25			
F. Shum, not out	5			
H. Jackson, b. Ismail	6			
Extras	10			
Total	190			

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ismail	14	3	42	3
Sallah	9	—	29	1
Rumjahn	13	—	41	2
Fletcher	6	1	38	2
Kew	1	—	10	—
Esmail	2	—	14	1

Queen's College.

A. K. Ismail, b. Lee	18			
A. Hunt, b. Anderson	18			
J. F. Fletcher, c. Fong, b. Anderson	1			
A. M. Rumjahn, run out	0			
A. R. Sallah, b. Lee	23			
A. Hunt, c. Lee, b. Anderson	2			
J. Hunt, b. Anderson	1			
H. G. Kew, c. Anderson, b. Lee	0			
A. R. H. Esmail, b. Anderson	0			
M. S. Sallah, b. Lee	2			
S. Ismail, not out	0			
Extras	7			
Total	78			

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Lee	10.1	5	17	4
W. H. Kwan	6	1	20	—
Anderson	10	5	19	5
Zimmern	2	—	15	—

HOME FOOTBALL.

FOUR WINS ON FOREIGN SOIL.

London, Feb. 15.
There was a programme of six matches in the English and Scottish Leagues to-day, and in four of the games, the visiting side proved successful. The results were:

Division II.				
Derby	2	Liverpool	3	
Division II.				
Reading	3	Bristol C.	2	
Division III (South).				
Southend	1	Exeter C.	2	
Division III (North).				
Accrington	2	Tranmere	3	
New Brighton	0	Southport	1	
Scottish League.				
Motherwell	0	Raith R.	0	

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON'S SHIELD TEAMS.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI in a Shield match versus R.A.F. on Saturday, on Kowloon ground, kick-off at 4.15 p.m.:—Angus; Wheeler, Dodgson; Hedley, Sims, McKelvie; Reed, Kernick, Northy, Muir, Miles.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI in a Shield match versus Scots Guards Reserves, on Saturday, 2.30 p.m.:—Slipper; Guest, Tierman; Roberts, Bliss, Dunnett; Pile, May, Spary (Capt.), Coates, Eastman. Reserves:—Blacklock and Haat.

CHESS.

GAME BETWEEN SIR HENRY AND SEQUEIRA.

As stated yesterday the match between Sir Henry Pollock and C. M. Sequeira in the tournament for the Championship of the Colony, was commenced yesterday afternoon, the holder playing White.

The match was started at 3.30 p.m. and after three and a half hours' play, was adjourned till Saturday, White's 27th move.

The game between J. S. Smith and J. O. Faers was played on Tuesday night and resulted in a win for the former.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 18th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 18th:—

ENGLISH CUP. FIFTH ROUND.

M'chesier U.	v	Birmingham.
Wednesday	v	Sheffield U.
Arsenal	v	Aston Villa.
Leicester	v	Tottenham.
M'chesier C.	v	Stoke C.
Huddersfield	v	N'dlesbrough.
Notts For.	v	Cardiff.

SCOTTISH CUP. THIRD ROUND.

St. Mirren	v	Partick.
Hibernians	v	Falkirk.
Albion Rov.	v	Airdrie.
Kilmarnock	v	Queen's Park.
Hearts	v	Motherwell.

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Kilmarnock	v	Queen's Park.
Hearts	v	Motherwell.

"YOLANDA."

GREAT PAGEANT FILM AT THE WORLD.

The great pageant film, "Yolanda," comes to the World Theatre to-day as the chief attraction there until Saturday. "Yolanda" deals with the intrigues and romance of Court life in the days of Louis XI, and is remarkable for some big scenes, notably entire castles with hundreds of courtiers and men at arms. The story, too, is admirably planned, so that interest is maintained to the end.

The leading roles are filled by Marian Davies, as Princess Mary of Burgundy, and Ralph Graves as Prince Maximilian of Syria. The former is excellent all through, and proves a most captivating Princess, whilst the role of Maximilian is also well played. Excellent support is forthcoming from the remainder of the big cast.

"THE MAGIC FLAME."

SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT THE QUEEN'S.

Fully justifying all the high praise that was lavished upon it when first shown at Los Angeles a few months ago, "The Magic Flame," now being screened at the Queen's Theatre, ought to be especially enjoyed by the wide circle of cinema habitués to whom Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky are favourites. "It is certainly one of the best pictures ever turned out by Samuel Goldwyn, and that is saying a great deal."

The first part of the film is really splendid, for there is an easily understandable and intensely human "story"—the tale of love between a clown and a trapeze artist in a travelling circus show. And the story runs true to usual form when a Count of unscrupulous morals makes overtures to the lady, is spurned by her and ordered off by the hero clown. The "prank of fate" which forces the clown to impersonate the Count, who becomes a King through the death of his father, also leads the heroine to believe that the Count has killed the clown. She goes to seek revenge and so the lovers meet—the clown as a King, the trapeze artist who believes that she is in the presence of the murderer of her lover. The "misunderstanding" which ensues is unduly prolonged and this is the weak part of what, otherwise, is a story of intense interest. There is a happy ending, of course.

Ronald Colman contributes some of the finest acting of his career, and Vilma Banky is again radiantly lovely. Both portrayals are well defined and carefully drawn.

LETTER GOLF.

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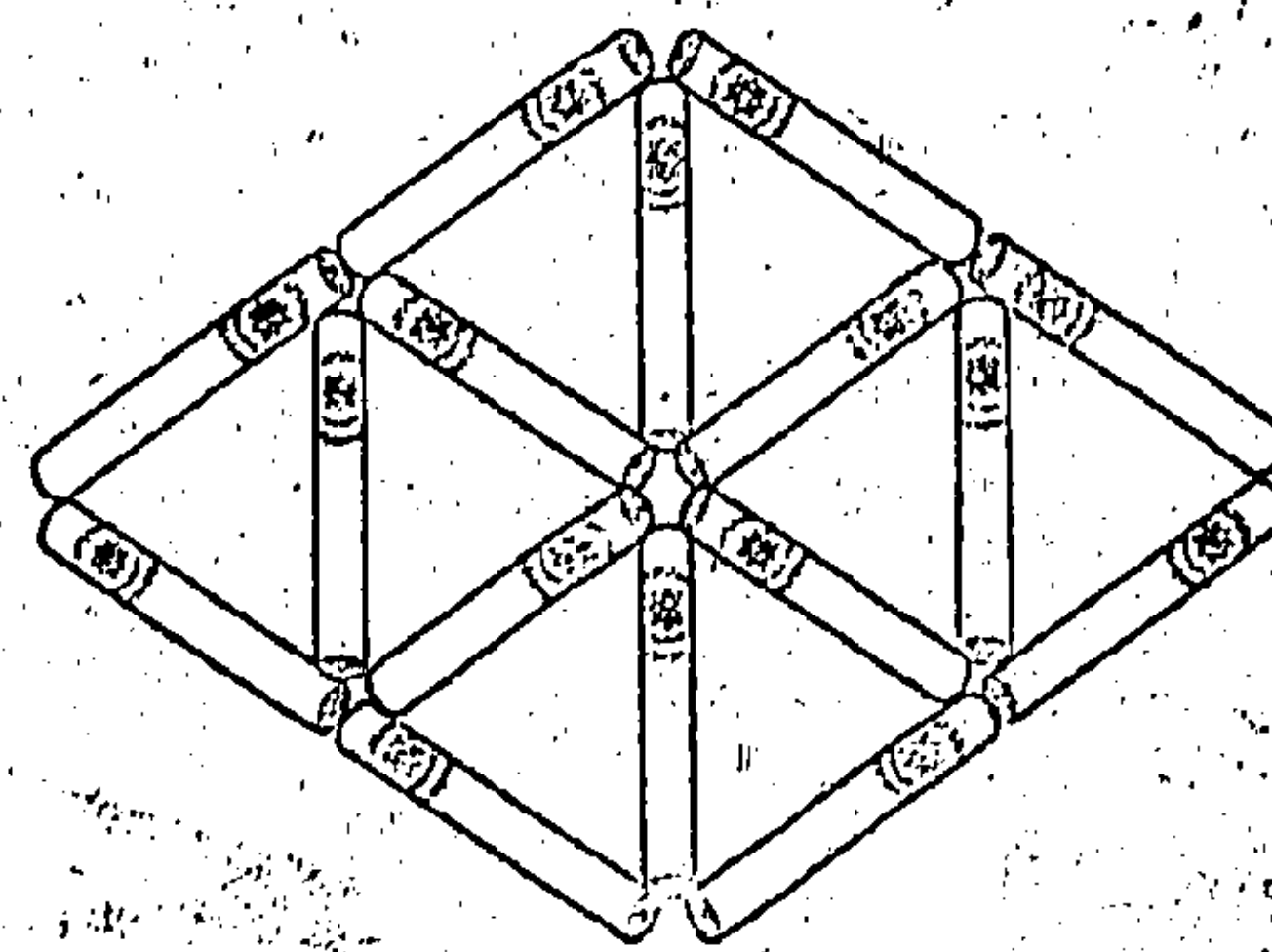
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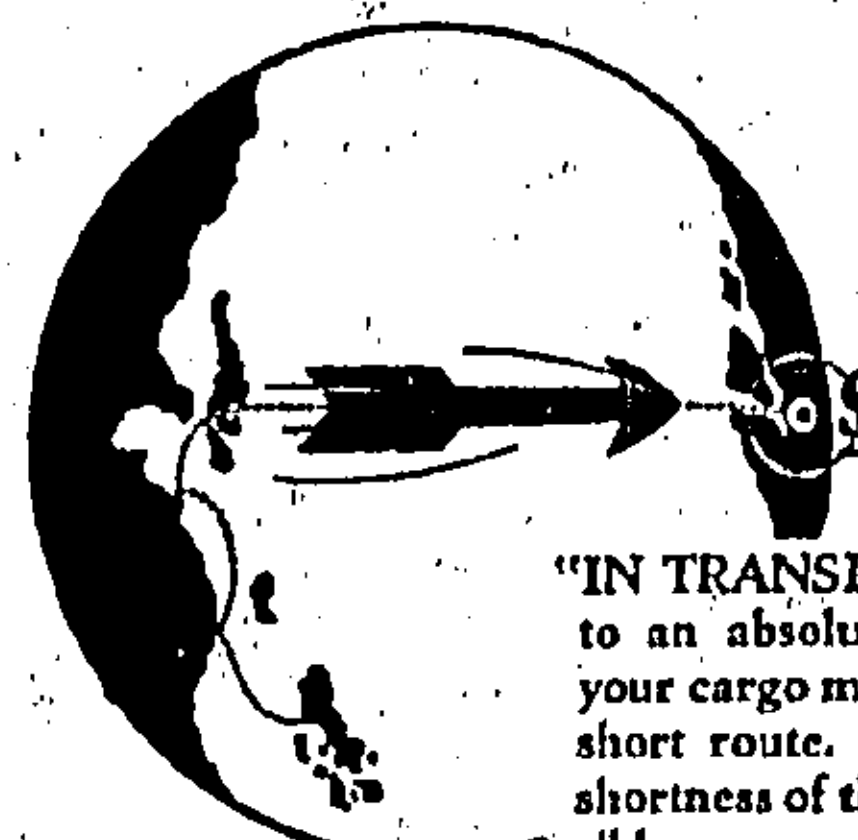
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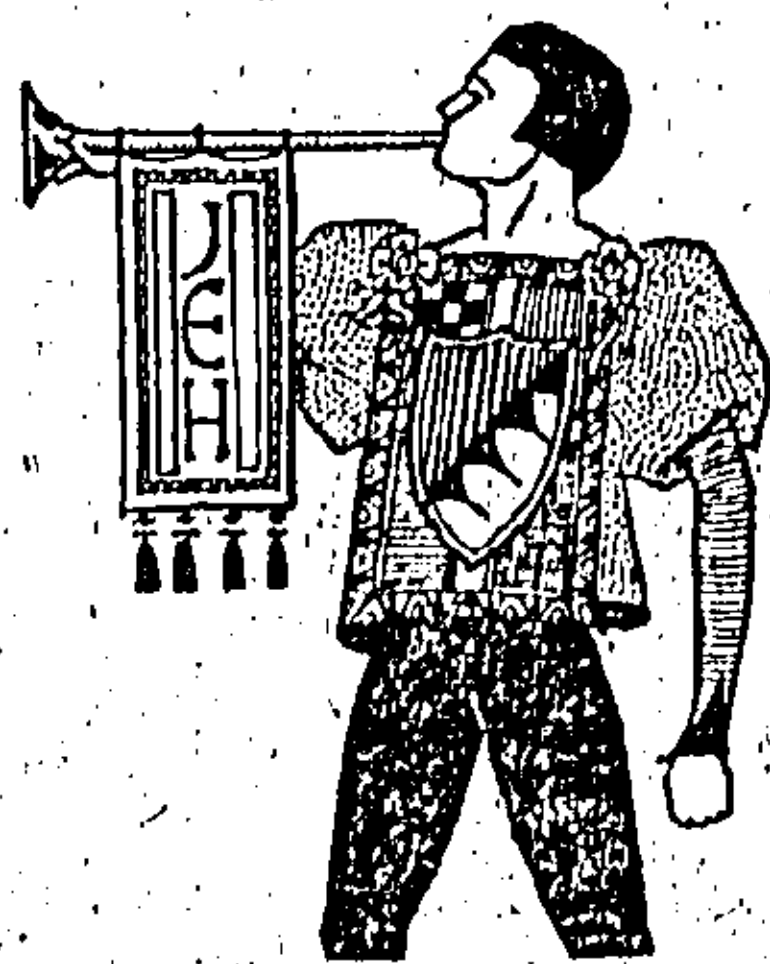
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A COWARD PLAY IN PARIS.

BANNED ON THE ENGLISH STAGE.

THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE.

Paris, Jan. 12.

The English Players made history last night when a fashionable Anglo-American audience packed the Theatre Albert I. to witness Mr. Noel Coward's banned play, "This Was a Man."

Disappointment awaited those expecting audacity and more than audacity, for they saw nothing to offend a Victorian maiden aunt of moderately open mind. It is almost impossible to understand why the London censorship intervened.

Disappointment awaited Mr. Coward's admirers, too.

"This Was a Man" is a study in the eternal triangle. Its chief merit is the well-conceived character of a completely light, but otherwise not abnormal woman, the wife drifting in the vacuity of empty fashionable society.

Miss Margaret Vaughan, exquisitely gowned, played this part with an equally exquisite intelligence, too rare on our stage. She even gave an evanescent semblance of reality to Mr. Coward's quips and quirks. Mr. Edward Stirling, the director of the English players, and Mr. Bernard Mercfield, displayed judgment in the parts of the two men, respectively husband and friend. But they were less happy. What manly actors could be happy as Mr. Coward's men, who are denuded of almost all manly characteristics?

Flippant and Dull.

Husband overhears evidence of his wife's infidelity, long suspected. Friend, knowing it, determines to read wife a lesson, and invites her to dine alone at his flat. This is Act I. Act II: Friend during dinner, wiled by a gramophone, falls into wife's snare. He becomes also lover. Act III: Friend confesses to husband. Husband roars with laughter (Mr. Stirling's laugh was glorious and infectious), announces cheerfully to the pair that he will let his wife divorce him, or, if she won't, will divorce her, and goes off to lunch with a lady waiting to flirt with him. Wife and friend are left wondering what to do about it.

This subject, not very new, might be treated happily from Mr. Coward's peculiar point of view, but he has rendered it wholly dull by being merely flippant. It may be good to depict empty society, but not by being empty.

Mr. Coward's dialogue hardly helps his treatment. The thinness of the dinner party duet, barely saved from catastrophe by the audience's appetite for the serving of a most succulent meal, totally ruins what might have been a fine scene at the end of it—wife's seduction of friend—for which Miss Vaughan did her best.

The Question, Why?

The wittiest sentiment in the play is the husband's answer to his lady friend's request to see "a really nice simple play." "Then we shan't have any difficulty in getting seats. There'll be plenty of room."

Characters in the play constantly ask apropos of anything and everything, "Why? I should like to know why." We are left putting the same questions as to both the title and the play.

POLICEMAN'S DEATH.

ALLEGED CONFESSION BY A MEDICAL STUDENT.

Arthur Jones, aged 31, described as a medical student, of Wrexham, who is alleged to have driven up to Cleak-lane Police Station in a taxicab and to have said that he wished to give himself up for the murder of Police Constable Gutteridge, but afterwards to have denied any knowledge of the murder, did not appear at the Mansion House when called upon to answer a charge of wandering while insane.

A police constable said that the man was in the City of London Infirmary for observation. He was found wandering, and a doctor certified that he was not "quite right."

A medical certificate to the effect that Jones was not in a fit state of health to be brought up at court was produced.

The Magistrate (Sir Louis Newton)—Is this the case in which the man was alleged to have given himself up for murder?

The Clerk—He is alleged to have confessed to the murder of Police Constable Gutteridge.

The case was adjourned. The body of Police Constable Gutteridge, Essex County Police, was found in the early morning of September 27 on a quiet road near Stapleford Abbots, with bullet wounds in the head.

LORD OXFORD'S DEATH.

TRIBUTES FROM ALL QUARTERS.

London, Feb. 15.

The death of Lord Oxford and Asquith has occurred.

Hope for the Earl of Oxford and Asquith's life was abandoned on Monday yet owing to the amazing constitution of the ex-Premier he lived till 6.50 this morning, when he passed away peacefully among his family at his home "The Wharf," Sutton, Courtney, Berkshire. Lady Oxford watched at his bedside each day and night.

The following quotation from the Parisian newspaper *Excelsior* indicates the esteem in which the Earl of Oxford and Asquith is held in France:

"Upon his shoulders fell the crushing responsibility for plunging the British Empire into the war. It was he who took the momentous decision. . . . For this act alone the French people should bow in respectful homage and gratitude before the tomb into which the Earl of Oxford and Asquith is now to be lowered, laden with years."—*Router*.

Moving Tributes.

London, Feb. 15.

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith died at 6.50 this morning at his Berkshire home. He was 75 years old and succeeded in title by his twelve year old grandson, whose father, the Hon. Raymond Asquith, eldest son of the late statesman, was killed in the early days of the war. Lord Oxford's end was peaceful. On Monday he became gravely ill from acute pharyngitis and his family were humiliated, most of the members arriving before he lost consciousness, and all were with him at the end.

With his death Britain loses one of her most distinguished statesmen. He was universally respected and loved. By intellect, character, and achievement he was undoubtedly a very great man. In the early days he showed the qualities of his mind at Oxford and afterwards at law. As a lawyer he quickly made a reputation and became Queen's Counsel in 1890. Four years earlier he entered Parliament as a Liberal, where he soon distinguished himself and in 1892 Mr. Gladstone recognised his qualities by appointing him Home Secretary. In the next Liberal administration in 1905 he was Chancellor of the Exchequer under Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, whose death in 1908 he was chosen Premier. His Premiership lasted eight years, ending in 1916, when he resigned and a Coalition Ministry under Mr. Lloyd George was formed.

Ethics, Not Expediency.

Under his guidance, from 1908 to the outbreak of the war Parliament placed upon statute book many far-reaching progressive measures. Domestic controversies were, however, completely overshadowed by the war clouds that loomed over Europe in the Summer of 1914. It was during those days of crisis that Lord Asquith showed the true qualities of his greatness, for his character and judgment underwent a strain as severe as that of any man in the whole of history. He realised clearly the terrible consequences of modern warfare between great nations, and his decisions were based, not upon questions of expediency, but of ethics. It was the standpoint of national honour that guided his judgment when Britain under his leadership entered the war to maintain her word to uphold the integrity of Belgium.

The bitter decision taken, his mind was set on measures for ultimate victory. He made after the outbreak of war a speech defining Britain's obligations which contained a passage that became household words: "We shall not sheath the sword which we have not lightly drawn until Belgium has regained all and more than all that she has sacrificed." He led, in those early war years, a country united in the face of the enemy, transcending all party issues and the debt the nation owes to him for his calm and steady judgment can never be fully estimated.

While he was still Premier he suffered sore bereavement by the death of his brilliant son, Raymond, who was killed in action. It was on December 5, 1916 that Lloyd George succeeded him in Premiership. Later he led the Independent Liberals in the House of Commons. In 1925 he went to the Upper House on accepting the Earldom of Oxford and Asquith, and in the same year he was made a Knight of the Garter.

Numerous Tributes.

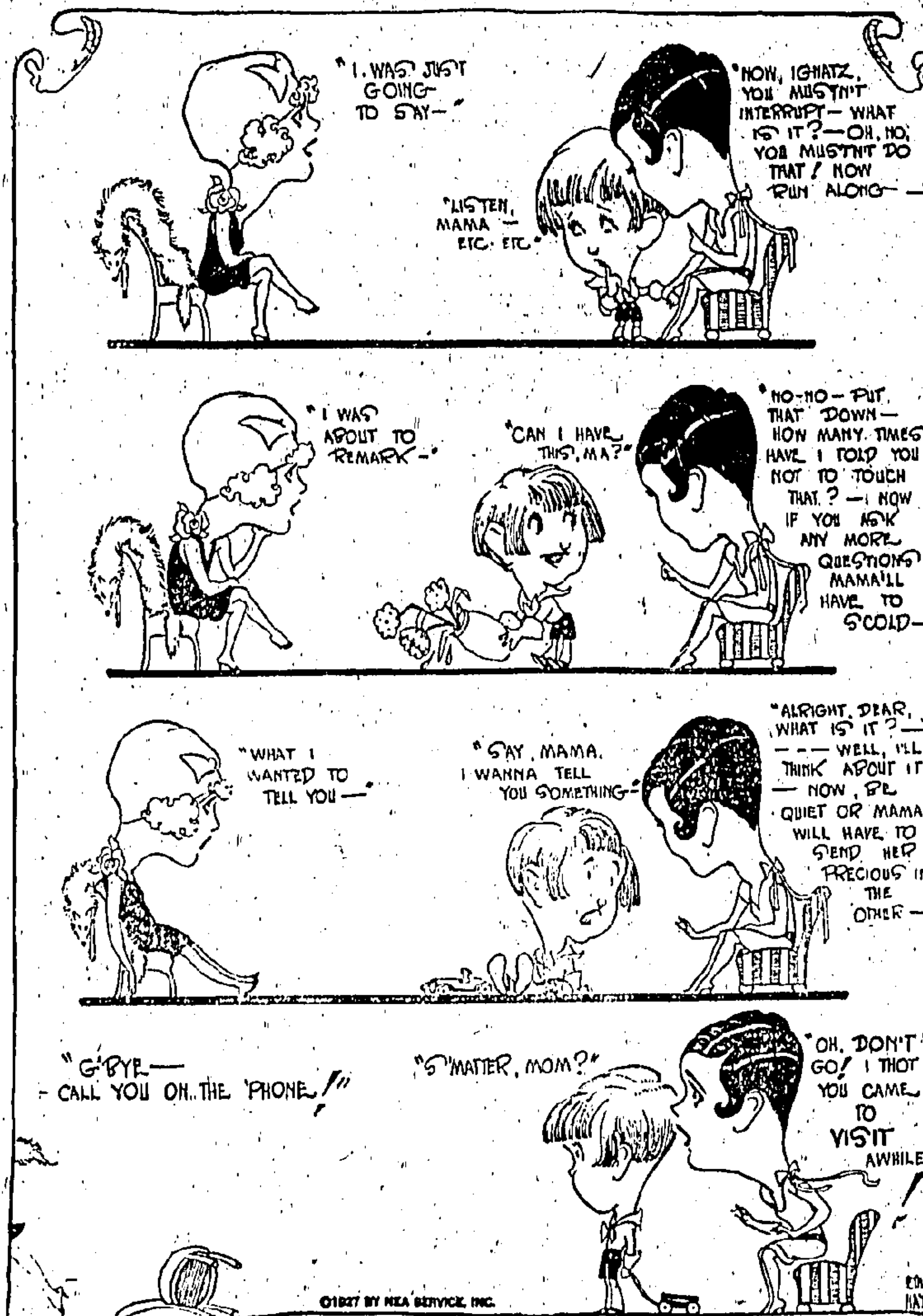
Moving tributes to the great statesman have been made by numerous colleagues and political opponents. Lord Cecil said, "The Earl of Oxford was a great and good man, and in death has left a gap which cannot be filled by any man alive to-day. He never claimed for himself merit that belonged to another, and indeed not always merit that belonged to himself. And so it sometimes happened, specially during the war that all the merits of his administration were attributed to

others and all the failures to himself. But he never complained. There may be other men in great positions, who have been more admired but I doubt if there have been any who have been more loved. The Earl of Oxford was one of the noblest and most gifted statesmen in the history of our country."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said: "He was a great figure, and to those who have been long with him in the House of Commons his passing must cause very keen pang." Mr. Clynes, the Labour Leader said: "He was the most tolerant of men to his opponents and a most loyal and helpful leader and colleague to his friends."

Lord Reading said: "He was a great man and a great gentleman with a fine and noble character, having complete freedom from enmity, jealousy, pettiness and all forms of self-seeking." Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Grey are among the many others who paid tributes to the late statesman. —*British Wireless*.

GOAT GETTER.



SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 1928.



Jerusalem, Palestine. March 19th-April 1st. Missionaries' World Congress.

London. June 26th-July 7th. World's Dairy Congress.

Amsterdam, Holland. July 28th-August 12th. Olympic Games.

Cambridge, England. July 14th-25th. International Geographical Congress.

Munich, Bavaria. July 26th-August 31st. Wagner and Mozart Festival.

Vienna, Austria. July. Festival of German Singing Federation.

Oslo, Norway. August. International Congress of Historians.

Amsterdam, Holland. August. International Physical Education Congress.

Budapest, Hungary. September 3rd-9th. International Congress in regard to illness arising from employment and industrial accidents.

Sydney, Australia. September 12th-17. Eucharistic Congress.

Japan. November 7th or 8th. Coronation of His Majesty, The Emperor of Japan.

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CHAPTER XIV.

Stroach called just before dinner, and Otto took him again to the little yew parlour in the garden to talk unheard.

Stroach was telling Otto that he had again been through Green-hayle—with a small tooth comb, he phrased it—and neither he nor the two men who worked under him had been able to find the slightest trace of Stannard.

"It doesn't matter," said Otto, softly. "If you wait for him on the Common, as we have already arranged, it matters little what house he hides in—for he won't need that house again."

"No—that's right," said Stroach, in a strangled voice. "But, you know, it goes against—" "Need we go into that again, Silas Bulley?" said Otto, softly. "I have to think of all of us. You'll be on the Common tonight?"

"I'll go straight there from here," said Stroach, in a flat tone. "You see, he must be taking you all in turn. I'll be either Fedden or Shanly or you he calls on next."

"I'll know how to deal with him," said Otto, with a sudden touch of cold anger in his voice. "If he'll only come straight to me."

"He won't," said Stroach. "He'll go to one of the others first, I think. And he won't delay. I'll be to-night or to-morrow night—some time soon. He'll want to get it all finished while it's in the air, while it's making a din, while you're all in a panic."

Joyce listened, all ears. Was she going to hear something that would give her a clue to the whole business?

She was disappointed. Otto said, in his cold, precise voice: "But will he choose to-night, or some day soon? He'll know that we are all on our guard, and guarded."

"That won't matter to him," snapped Stroach, scornfully. "He's a devil—Stannard. He'll come right in on you, and either of them others, though they have a policeman standing in the porch. He understands the effect of breaking through the guard, and that's what he's after. He's going to make the maximum display at the right time. No, he'll get the next of you soon, and I think it'll be to-night."

"I wish I knew who it'd be," said Otto, with cold savagery. "Fedden or Shanly, I suppose."

"I wish I knew too," snapped Stroach. "I'd be ready for him where there was more cover than on an open common."

"But you'll find cover, Stroach?" "Aye, I'll find it as I found it when I followed the girl last night. An' that's another thing, Mr. Rigg. What about that girl?"

Joyce's heart almost stopped beating. "What about her, Stroach?" said Otto, sulkily.

"Well, seems to me she knows a little too much. You know she was talking to the Public Trustee's clerk this afternoon?"

"She told me so when she came in," said Otto.

"Him?" muttered Stroach, mollified. "He was asking her questions, particular pointed questions."

"That's more than likely. It's what he is here for. Did you ever hear those questions—and her answers, Stroach?"

"No," said Stroach. "I couldn't get along with him. He went off."

"In a huff?" snarled from Otto.

"Yes," muttered Stroach. "He seemed in a huff. She told you that?"

"She told me freely what you seem reluctant to tell, Stroach," said Otto, with a cold chuckle. "She told me of your arrival."

"Well, I will say she seems to act straight," agreed Stroach. "But I ain't so sure that she's not more fly an' sharp than wot she seems. I think she wants watching."

"Leave Miss Alley to me, Stroach," said Otto. "I will answer for her discretion."

"Oh, I know that, Mr. Rigg. But—well, it seems to me some-times that perhaps she's a little soft on this fellow Stannard."

Joyce gasped and blushed and then froze. Otto had said: "I know it, Stroach. Leave her alone. I can handle her."

"Stroch you can," said Stroach, with a note of admiration. "I'm remembering how you dealt with that little book-keeping wench, Annie Purvis."

"Even so," murmured Otto.

"Otto Rigg," cried Stroach, between horror and admiration. "You're a living devil from hell. That poor little kid is still—"

"Leave her where she is, Stroach. She's had time to reflect on the folly of trying to cross Otto Rigg. Joyce Alley may have quite as much time for reflection—or less."

The cruelty of his tone appalled Joyce. "And now I think you had

better go to your rendezvous, Stroach."

"Yes," said Stroach, with the bold tone of a man screwing himself up to a desperate effort. "I'll go right now. And, by hell! I'll get him."

"Quite," murmured Otto Rigg. "For, my dear Bulley, I fear it will be hell for you if you don't."

Joyce regained the house a prey to the most terrible anxiety. She knew that Stroach had gone out on to the Common with the object of murdering Martin Stannard. She knew that if she had been wrong about Mrs. Sondes, and her warning had gone amiss, nothing stood between Martin Stannard and death.

Sitting in her room before the dinner-going went, she felt so afraid and desperate that, for a moment, she resolved not to go down to dinner. She could not face Otto Rigg. She could not sit through a meal without betraying herself to him.

But when the pong rang through the house she rose, and, with a little gesture of courage, went down to face the cold and calculating monster with the calm, cool bravery of her kind. Otto Rigg saw nothing amiss, she gave nothing away.

She was even in complete control of herself when Otto Rigg said to her: "I want you to hold yourself in readiness to come out with me this evening, Joyce."

She did not blench. She agreed calmly, without showing that she knew why he wanted her, even before he gave an explanation.

"It's on this Stannard business, of course, my dear," he said, softly, his little eyes watching her intently. "We feel that Stannard will be out on the Common again to-night, meaning to call on one of us. Stannard is to wait for him, in the hope of making a capture. If he succeeds we are to go in the car to bring Stannard here—you know I want to have an interview with him."

Joyce wanted to leap up, and denounce him for the cold-hearted liar and murderer he was. She merely nodded, said in an even voice: "I understand—you would like me to drive the car so as not to bring the servants into this?"

"You are invaluable, Joyce," he purred. "You understand at once. Yes, that is it. The car will be ready at the front of the house."

"I have given instructions. We will wait until we hear from Stroch—he may send a man, or telephone, or even fire a pistol shot. I have arranged to start immediately one of these things warns us. You don't mind?"

"Of course not," she answered, with a calmness which astonished herself. For inwardly she was not calm. The mere mention of the pistol shot had raised in her a fury which was almost beyond her control.

And yet, despite her fury, she could not help appreciating the consummate cunning of this cold and unscrupulous creature.

Just that simple order to her had put the seal on the complete success of his plan—he thought. He made certain that she should keep in the house, so that she could neither warn Stannard that they were out after him nor be a witness to the murder. He had arranged that she should be at hand to identify the body of the prowling stranger who had forced Gamlin to suicide. He had, by telling her that they intended only to capture Stannard, turned her into a witness who would help to clear Stroch of any guilt of murder if suspicious were aroused, and above all, he had drawn her definitely into their conspiracy, so that henceforth she would have to share the guilt with them.

Yes, it was a piece of diabolical cunning on Otto Rigg's part, and as she waited, pretending to read, she was torn alternately by her anger at his trickery and fear for Martin Stannard's safety.

The hours of waiting were almost unendurable. Time and time again she felt she must scream out under the strain. It was only by a tremendous expenditure of will-force that she held herself reasonably calm and sane all that time.

With Otto Rigg there seemed to be no need of this effort. He sat solid and content, reading a volume of Theocritus, and occasionally smiling at the exquisite fancy of the verse.

Quite suddenly a single pistol shot, and then two others, rang out. Joyce sprang to her feet. Otto Rigg looked up, put his book down calmly, stood up.

"Three shots," he said, with cold eyebrows up. "That's wrong. One was to be the signal. I hope I do hope that nothing untoward has happened."

Joyce could have screamed "Murderer!" at him then, but she

YOUTH'S AMAZING EXPLOITS.

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Mr. Fitzroy then went on to read a long statement made by the prisoner which was to the effect that he had been influenced by two men, Lau On and Lau Yat-tso, one of whom was a friend in his school days. In that statement words were included to the effect that they insisted on his taking some medicine which made him hot and intoxicated, after which he took the papers. He had no idea as to what the will contained, and he had no idea until the present that the two other men were swindlers.

Plea for Leniency.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro, jr., made a strong plea for leniency. The prisoner, he said, was 18 years of age. Punishment should be meted out in proportion to the crime, but, in considering that, one must consider the circumstances. If he was pleading for a man of mature age who had committed the offences with full knowledge of his acts, he (counsel) felt sure his pleas would be of no avail.

The prisoner was born in Hong-kong and was educated at Sai—

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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kept her nerve, and he helped her keep it.

With the surprising quickness some big men have he had her out of the house and into the waiting car. In remarkably quick time they were tearing through the night towards the Common.

The moon was up in its glory and they showed the Common bare. They rushed into it, as though rushing along a pale, flat sea. They lifted to a little hill and saw the Dark House without lights. And under them was the flat, milky pale Common, and lying out on it sprawled an unmistakable figure of a man.

Otto, beside Joyce, let go a pious "My God." He stared about the empty Common, and then even his cautious calm quivered. "My God," he muttered again. "One only—he's got Stroch, the swine!"

It looked like that; no other man, living or dead, was in sight.

They stopped the car, began to run across the Common. They heard shouts and the noise of another car putting on brakes. Away to the left they saw another car, and men running from it.

They got to the prone figure first. A slim man, not Stroch. Not Stroch! Joyce's heart was in her throat. She was very near screaming. Not Stroch—a smaller figure, with a great stain on the shoulders. The stain from a wound in the back.

Otto was down on one knee. In the moonlight Joyce saw his face well, his hateful face. It was all eagerness, all satisfaction. He saw it wasn't Stroch. A string of "Ahi Ahi Ahi!" was coming from his lips. Chuckles almost.

With deft hands he swung the limp body over.

"My God!" he shouted. "My God!"

They were both looking down at a face they knew—the face of the weary Mr. Dudley.

They stared down at him petrified. They could not move. Mr. Dudley shot—killed, the last man they had thought of.

Feet came hammering across the close turf. Men calling out. Men demanding explanations. Joyce recognised one voice. She looked up. It was the sergeant of the local police, running towards them.

Mr. Dudley suddenly moaned and stirred. His glazing eyes opened. He fixed himself on Otto and Joyce. His lips began to move.

The sergeant arrived with a clamour of questions.

Otto Rigg raised his hand commandingly: "Quiet!" he commanded, "he is going to speak."

Mr. Dudley struggled, raised himself on his elbow. From his moving lips came abruptly a clear, sharp word.

"Stannard," he said, and again, "Martin Stannard." His lips continued moving as though he were making a statement, but no sounds from them—then, "shot me," came clearly, blithely. "The shot, me got Martin Stannard."

He heaved himself up, toppled sideways into Otto Rigg's arms, and was dead.

(To be continued.)

TALENTED PUPIL.



Little George Jowitt, one of Miss Violet Capell's pupils, who will appear at the pending dancing displays in aid of the London Hospital.

yingpun School and Queen's College. When he left school, he seemed to have made some attempt to learn wireless, but he gave it up after some time and was employed by his father. Up to that time he had been a model son and his father was grief-stricken when he learnt of the affair. In the transaction of his father's business, the prisoner had been entrusted with sums amounting to \$1,000 without any consequences whatsoever.

"A Fast Life."

While the prisoner was engaged in his father's business, he fell into the company of so-called friends whose influence was rendered the more malicious by the fact that one of them was a friend of his school days. These friends began very cunningly. They took the prisoner to West Point, that haunt where the attractions, in the main, consisted of cards, wine, women and opium. They there installed into him the living of a fast life and for this he developed a strong liking.

The natural consequence was that he ran into debt and, once in that position, it was easy for his friends to persuade him to commit the crimes. The prisoner naturally cast about for some means of finding money, and it was then that the other two men approached him. They were very glib in their explanations as to how he could "get money and took him to the chambers of a local barrister-at-law."

Mr. D'Almada e Castro then traced the various stages resulting in the issue of probate of the prisoners father's estate, under the influence of the other two men, saying that the prisoner's position was in the nature of a cat's paw.

He was perfectly evident that he did not realise the gravity of the crimes, because he continued to live in his father's house after he had committed them. It was only when his father returned that he (prisoner) began to realise the enormity of his crimes.

Promise of Reform.

His father had pleaded for leniency for his son. In view of that fact, and because he was under strong influence, he asked that the prisoner should not receive a severe sentence, as it would handicap him in after-life and place obstacles in the way of his reform, a course which he had decided upon.

His Lordship said he supposed that the wine shop had lost the money it had paid out.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro replied that the money was handed to the prisoner, but he in turn handed it to the other two men, who had vanished.

Mr. Fitzroy said the wine shop did not consider that they had lost the money as the money had been paid and the deposit receipts torn up.

The Sentence.

His Lordship said the prisoner had pleaded guilty to a series of acts some of which could be punished by a sentence of imprisonment for life. He was, however, going to give great consideration to the fact that he had pleaded guilty and to the forcible way in which his counsel had appealed to the Court for mercy. He would also take into consideration the resolution to do better in the future, which counsel had said the prisoner had decided upon. Although the prisoner was only 18 years old, he had come to an age of discretion when he ought to know the difference between right and wrong. He had made use of the forms of the law to perpetrate a very serious fraud. Under those circumstances, he could not be allowed to go unpunished, and, having regard to the facts that had been urged in his favour, he would sentence the prisoner to nine months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

The prisoner's father then came forward and asked for a reduction of the sentence, saying that he himself was the sufferer.

His Lordship replied that they

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were very serious offences and he could not grant the request.

No Hard Labour.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro then said that in view of the father's plea he would ask for the sentence to be reduced by making it without hard labour.

To this his Lordship agreed, but

remarked that he had always understood that hard labour was an advantage to a prisoner.

Mr. D'Almada e Castro:—Will your Lordship date it from the date of his arrest?

His Lordship:—I'm afraid not. I have given you every consideration that I possibly can.

It is announced that the Royal Securities Corporation have purchased control of the Donnan Paper Company for a price of approximately 14,000,000 dollars (\$2,800,000). New financing to the extent of 10,000,000 dollars (\$2,000,000) will be carried out shortly. The control of the property has hitherto been in United States hands.

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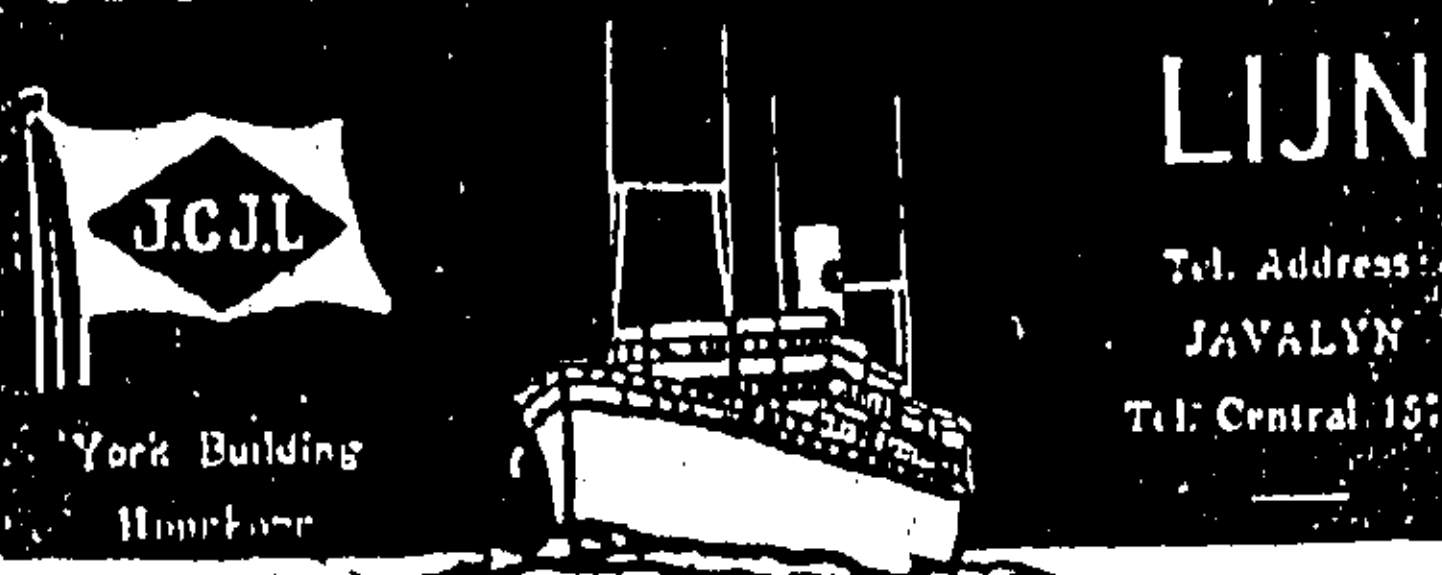
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DRESS DISPUTE.

FASHION DISPLAY IN A SHANGHAI COURT.

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Judge Wu was nonplussed for a while and called for independent persons in the courtroom, including Dr. Wilhelm, Mr. Kotenev, a police officer, and even members of the press to act as a jury on the question whether a certain dress in dispute was worth the price, taking into consideration material, fit, trimmings, etc.

Plaintiff at one stage during the hearing was requested to retire to counsel's room, put on the dress, and appear in Court, but the Judge was still unable to pass on the quality and style of the article in question.

Dress a Little Loose.

Finally, when the police officer thought that it was a little loose, the Court, which at one time had dismissed the action, reconsidered its decision, and ordered the dressmaker to pay her client \$6. His Honour apportioned the costs evenly between the parties, and, after a cash payment, presented the amount to the Poor Box.

In order to facilitate the hearing, which Judge Wu characterized as more intricate than problems of international law, the Court heard all evidence, with the exception of that given by one witness, who spoke in Russian, in the English language.

The Deadly Insult.

To make the situation more involved witnesses and friends of both sides, whilst seated in the rear of the room, vociferously denounced the evidence of the other party, almost before it was spoken, while there was a continual procession of persons to the Press seats, with requests that such and such should not be put in the papers.

As a matter of fact, the small suit for \$55 had so many ramifications that to tell a connected story of the buzzing and hubbub would have required a battery of dictaphones to reach from the Court to Nanking Road.

Three dresses and a number of chits were the basis of the suit—a mourning dress, an afternoon dress, and a morning gown—the amount involved being only \$55. Polonetzka v. Korff was the title of the action.

After considerable discussion, plaintiff asserted that Korff was not a dressmaker.

The Court—Take it to the ante-room and try it on.

A La Mode or Not.

In her absence defendant said that plaintiff had ordered the dress

STAR THEATRE.

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made small, as she said that she wanted to sell it. Regarding the mourning dress, defendant asserted that plaintiff wore it for three weeks and returned it, saying that it did not fit.

On plaintiff's return to the room defendant said:—She has taken on weight.

Plaintiff:—I always was fat. Dr. Wilhelm (appealed to by the Court):—You look very well, indeed, in the dress, and it fits you.

Plaintiff:—Yes, it would, if I were hunchback.

Mr. Kotenev (also appealed to by the Court):—It looks fashionable.

Plaintiff:—It's not in style now. Ask any tailor to tell you.

Defendant alleged that plaintiff broke her windows and made a scandal.

The Judge's Difficulty.

The Judge:—This is a small case and an expert's evidence is not necessary, but the judgment of Solomon is required—the case is more involved than many problems in international law. It is the order of the Court that you take the dresses and also that you need pay no damages. You can appeal if you wish. You can sell the dresses if you don't want them. Chorus, by all concerned—How much for the windows? How much are the costs? How about the materials? How about the chits?

Defendant finally made herself heard again, and prevailed upon the Court to listen to her witnesses.

The shop assistant then gave evidence in Russian, to which defendant objected, saying it was not true, the room being full of exclamations: "O-I-O-I!"

The assistant related that plaintiff came in three weeks later and

JAPAN'S TRADE.

AN INCREASE OF IMPORTS OVER EXPORTS.

Japan's foreign trade for the January quarter amounted to Yen 140,000,000 in exports, and shows an excess of imports over exports of Yen 42,000,000.

During the December quarter of last year Japan's specie holding totalled Yen 1,973,000,000, which shows a decrease of Yen 185,000,000 on the preceding year. The "invisible trade" amounted to Yen 720,000,000.

The money market has been quiet. There has been talk of lifting the gold embargo in certain financial quarters.

The price of commodities has shown a decline, indicating an advancing tendency. Importation of American cotton has decreased, and the curtailment of operations in the various cotton mills was very small.

The Kobe Exchange, which was recently licensed, is expected to start dealings in silk shortly.

The dissolution of the Diet had no effect in financial circles.

SWARAJIST BOYCOTT.

GENERAL BAN PLACED ON BRITISH GOODS.

Calcutta, Feb. 15.

On the eve of the Simon Commission's arrival in Calcutta en route to Madras the Swarajist nationalist leaders in Bengal issued a manifesto proclaiming an immediate general boycott of British goods, especially cloth. It decided to organise mass demonstrations on the 20th.

Reuter.

asked that a certain dress should be made tighter, so as not to reveal her stoutness. Whilst telling about the trouble during a second visit, which the Judge interrupted, the audience buzzed like a bee hive.

Policeman on Fashions.

His Honour then ordered the second fashion show, and asked a police officer to give a verdict on the dress, saying:—"Tell me if you think it suits her figure and if it fits well."

The officer:—It looks all right to me (and as plaintiff removed her coat), it looks a bit loose in the back.

Plaintiff:—Look how short the sleeves are.

Defendant then entered an objection, saying that, as plaintiff was fat, the dress had to be made that way.

The Court:—It's not your turn now. If the Court makes a mistake, you may appeal.

In his decision Judge Wu, after more altercations between the parties, ordered defendant to reimburse plaintiff to the extent of \$6, both parties to share the costs, either to have the privilege of appeal.

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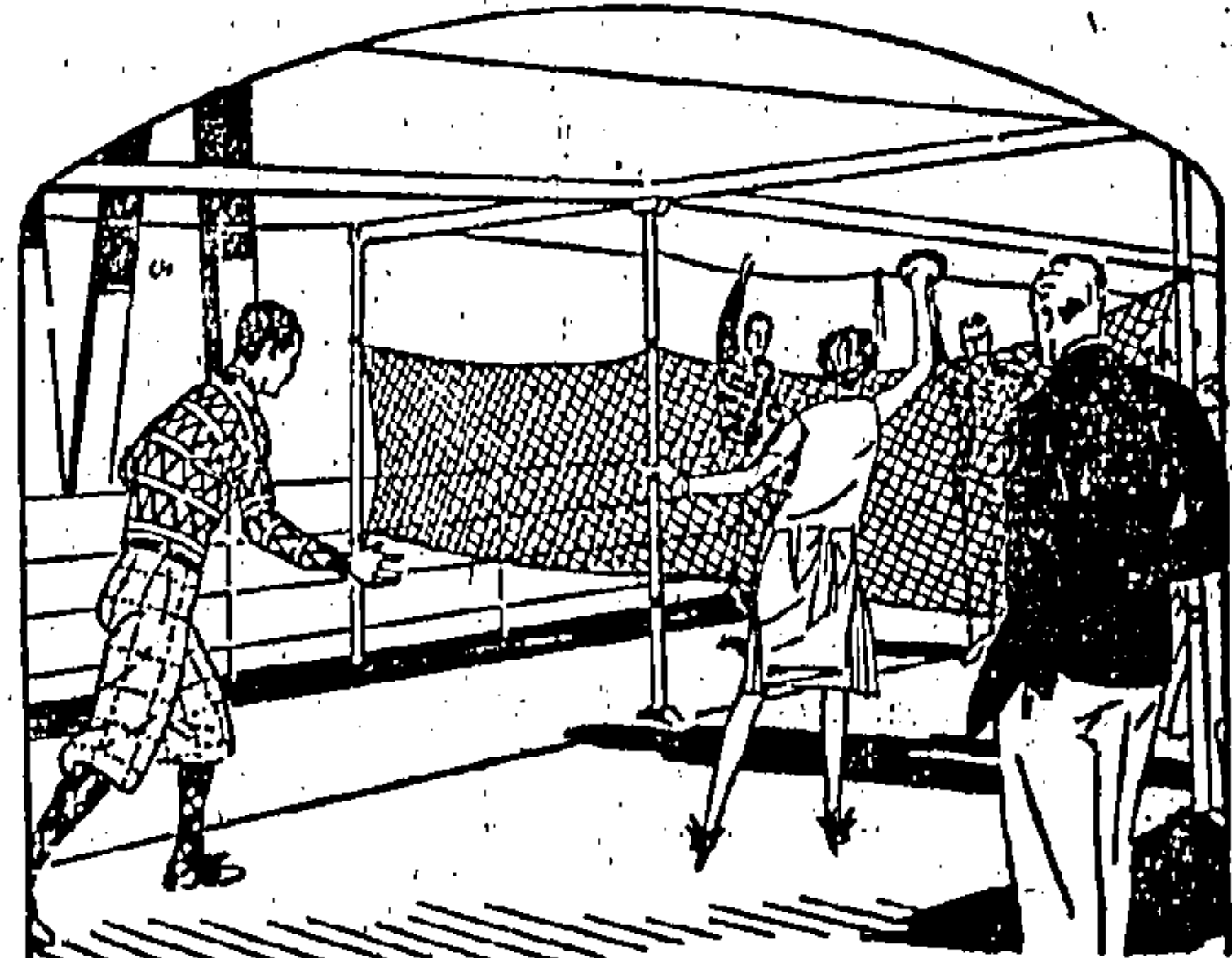
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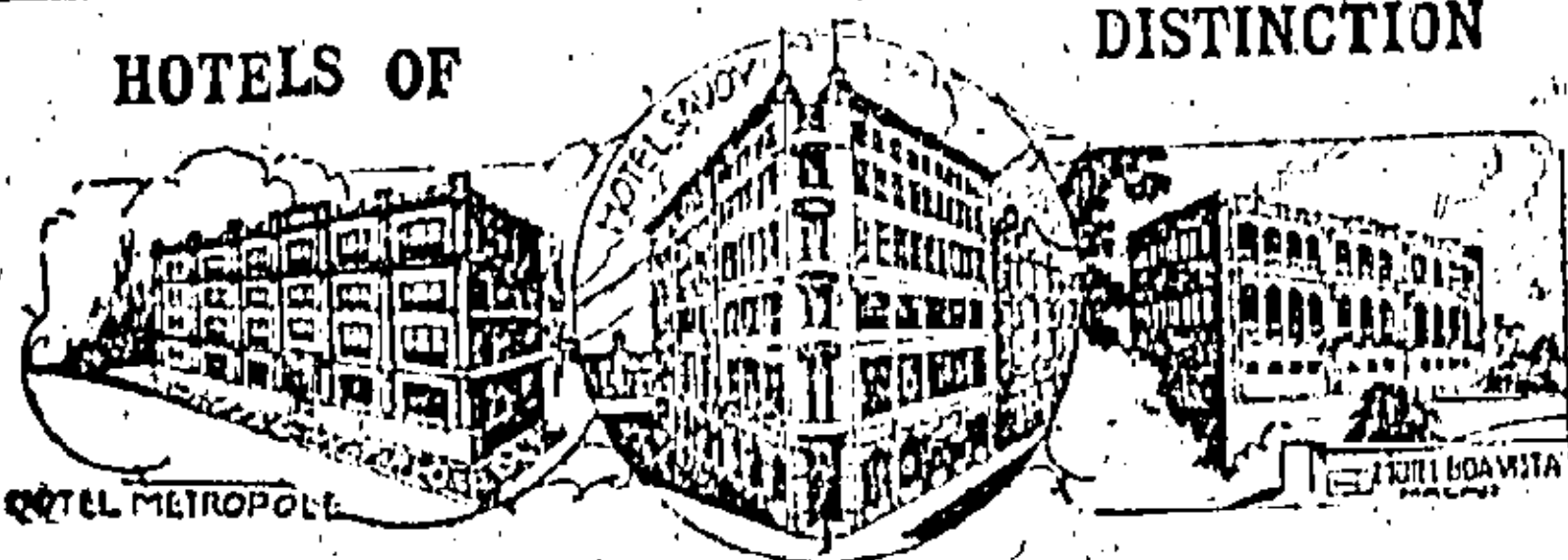
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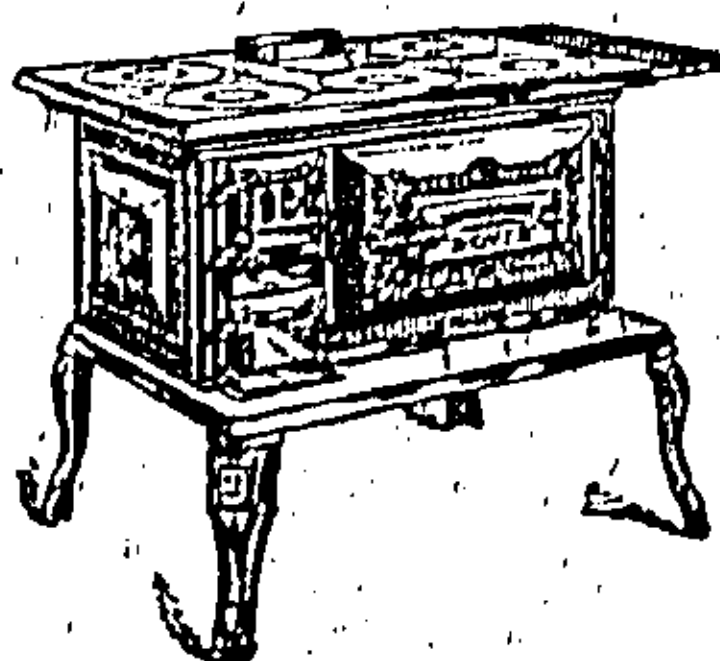
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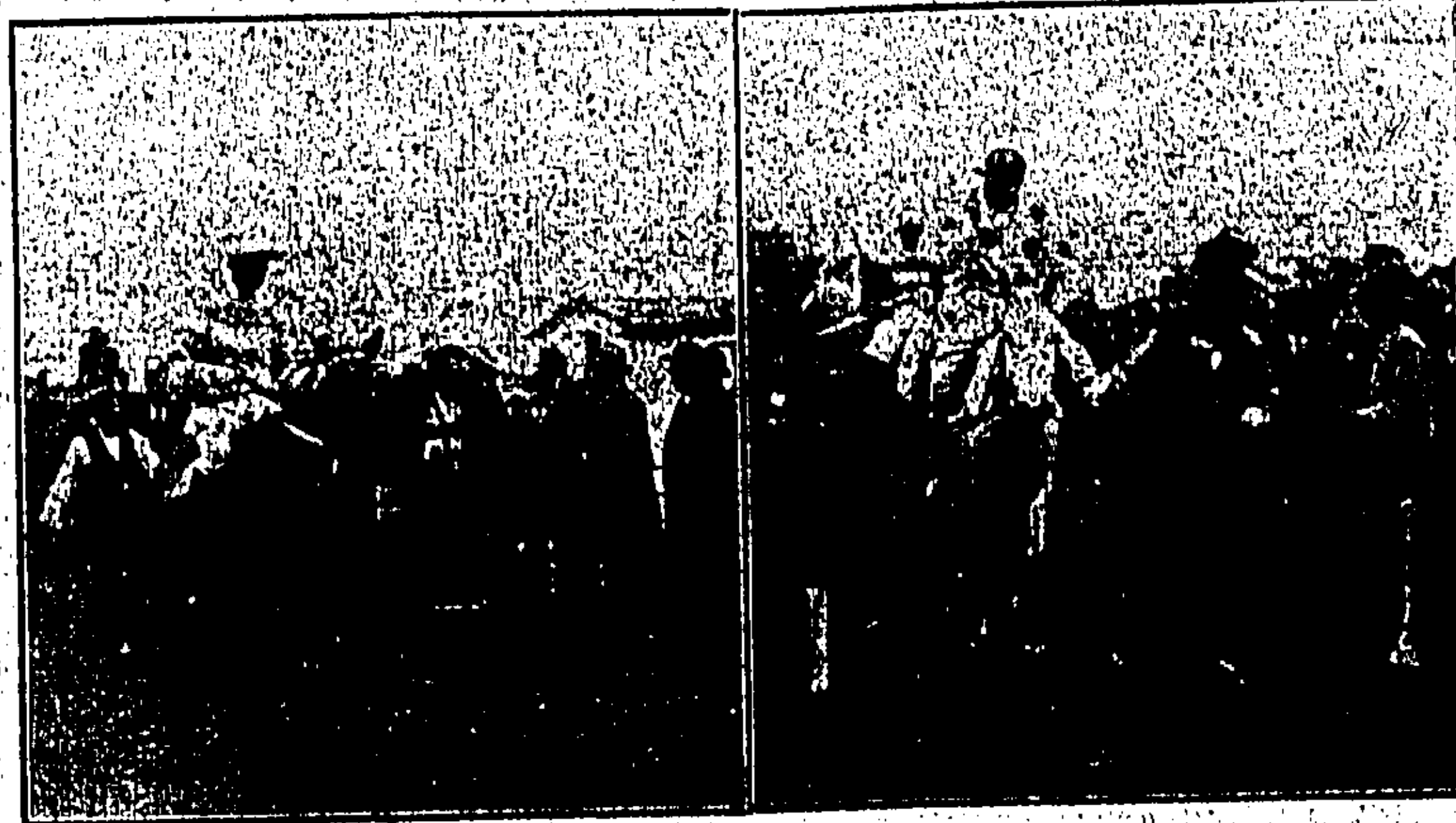
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At left is seen Mrs. L. Dunbar leading in Elliot Bay (Maitland up) after that pony's runaway victory in the Champion Stakes yesterday afternoon. At right is seen Pickle (Heard up) and Bengal (Pote Hunt up), the second and third placed ponies. (Photo: Moe Cheung).

CHINESE TARIFF PROBLEM.

PEKING PROPOSES AN INCREASE.

HOPES OF AGREEMENT WITH NANKING & POWERS.

WILL JAPAN OPPOSE?

Peking, Feb. 15.
Mr. Wu Chen, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, has submitted a proposal to Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin regarding the Customs question. The substance of the proposal is:

- 1.—The 2.5 per cent. surtax shall be abolished, and instead the imposition of 12.5 per cent. tax be put into effect.
- 2.—The 12.5 per cent. tax shall be collected at the Customs houses.
- 3.—A Commission shall be organized in order to draw up a statutory tariff, and the Commission shall meet in Shanghai to discuss the matter.
- 4.—Customs tariff autonomy shall be put into operation as from January, 1929.

Mr. Edwards' Advice.

In this respect, it is learned that Mr. Edwards, the Acting Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs has advised the Peking Government to effect an agreement between the Northern and Southern Governments and also to seek an understanding with the foreign Powers concerned, prior to the execution of the above-mentioned plan.

Mr. Edwards, it is understood, will take charge of the task to effect an understanding with the Nanking Government while Messrs. Wu Chen, Yen Kuo-ling and Chou Chuan-ching are now endeavouring to secure an understanding with the Ministers of the Powers concerned.

It is stated in Chinese circles that Great Britain, America, France, Italy and the Netherlands have already expressed their approval towards the Chinese plan.

To Restrain Japan.

It seems that the Chinese authorities, considering that Japan will oppose the enforcement of the Chinese plan under existing conditions, are devising measures to restrain Japan. This can be judged by accounts appearing in various Chinese newspapers here.

As the steps the Peking Government is going to take will have a very important bearing upon the Powers, especially upon Japan, the development of affairs is being closely watched by the public.

Later.
Prior to his departure for the south, Mr. Edwards submitted a written recommendation to the Central Revenue Council regarding the Customs question.

In his recommendation, Mr. Edwards suggests that the collection of the 2.5 per cent. surtax, now in force, should be at the Customs Houses, but that the revenue thus collected be delivered to the Superintendent of the Customs House concerned.

Then Mr. Edwards proposes that the 2.5 per cent. surtax should be abolished gradually, the customs tariff be raised to 12.5 per cent. indiscriminately (?), and this tariff be made the transitory tariff pending the enforcement of a statutory tariff.

He further suggests that the foreign loans and the public bonds secured on the Customs revenue should be redeemed with a portion of the Customs revenue, and the remaining H.K. \$15,000,000 (the amount calculated on the figures in 1927) be distributed among the governments concerned in proportion to the proceeds of Customs houses under their control.

AMERICAN STEEL CORPORATION.

TO BUILD FACTORIES IN CANADA.

Montreal, Feb. 15.
The Star reports that the United States Steel Corporation has decided to establish itself in Canada, and to building big factories for the Canadian market and for export.
The first factory will be established at D'Jibway, near Windsor.—*Reader's American Service.*

WORST COLLISION FOR YEARS.

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the two cars to pass to the left of the traffic beacon.

The eastbound car was just touched in passing, but the westbound car was struck heavily, the whole front being torn away, while the firemen on the left of the machine were swept off.

The impact was sufficient to rock the tram on the track, but the dozen passengers on the top deck had no time to realise their danger. Within a second of the crash, the fire appliance was at rest on the sidewalk, with the rear wheels in the gutter.

The Injured Men.

Fire Officer Buckridge crashed the fire alarm at the Hongkong Hotel corner and immediately informed Headquarters, while passengers from the tram left the car and attended to the injured men. A motor ambulance was quickly on the scene and the sufferers were removed to hospital.

An examination of the machine, shows the right mud guards and hub caps to be damaged, while the equipment-box on that side is also smashed and the front wheels are out of alignment. The machine was cleared from the scene by 9.30 a.m., and repairs immediately taken in hand.

Later.
It is learned that Kwong Wing, the foreman fireman was able to leave hospital after treatment, while Fireman 34, Tsoi Tim, has been detained, suffering from internal haemorrhage.

FINE WEATHER EXPECTED.

Today's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone is stationary over north-east China. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

The forecast up to noon tomorrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; overcast at first, finer later.

Later.
Mr. Pan Fu, the Premier, held a conference with Messrs. Liang Shih-yi, Shen Jui-lin Li Shih-hou, Wang Ko-min, Wang Yin-tai, Wu Chen, Yen To-pu and others concerned with the Customs question at the Kuowuyuan at 4 o'clock this afternoon. There were discussions on reform of the Customs administrative system, restoration of the Customs tariff autonomy and enforcement of a transitory tariff, on the basis of the recommendations submitted by Mr. Edwards, and views were exchanged regarding what steps the Peking Government should take.

Though it is not clear whether any definite decision was reached at the conference, it seems that there are opposed views regarding Mr. Edwards' suggestion in connection with the distribution of the Customs revenue. Some hold that Mr. Edwards' plan is too favourable to the South, which already occupies territory collecting 70 per cent. of the total of the Customs revenue.—*Toko.*

PASSING OF GREAT STATESMAN.

WORLD TRIBUTES TO EARL OXFORD.

VALUED FRIEND & SERVANT OF THE STATE.

A CHERISHED MEMORY.

London, Feb. 15.
World-wide tributes to the memory of the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith, the veteran Liberal statesman, are being paid to-day.

H.M. the King has sent a telegram to Lady Oxford expressing sympathy with her in her loss and his grief at the death of a valued friend and a great servant of the State.

At the close of question-time in the House of Commons, the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, rose and said he was sure the House would have heard with the most profound regret of the death of the Earl of Oxford, and he gave notice that he would to-morrow move an appropriate resolution.

Illustrious Statesman.

The Belgian Government, in a message to its Ambassador in London, has paid a striking tribute to Lord Oxford, in stating:—"Belgium will never forget the brilliant services of this illustrious statesman who directed the British Government with such loyalty and strength at the moment of the outbreak of war. Belgium will always recall with gratitude, the momentous decision which he inspired, with a view to securing respect for the treaties and of helping Belgium to defend herself against the violation of her neutrality and independence." The King of the Belgians has also sent messages of sympathy to King George and to Lady Oxford.

French Regrets.

The French President, M. Doumergue has addressed his condolences to Lady Oxford, and M. Briand, the French Premier has telegraphed his profound regrets and those of the French Government.

French and Belgian newspapers unanimously record the fact that Lord Oxford felt the tremendous responsibility of throwing the British Empire into the Great War on the side of their countries, and generally declare that for this act alone, their people must cherish the memory of the late British statesman.

Lady Oxford has received an offer to bury Lord Oxford in Westminster Abbey, but has yet reached no decision.—*British Wireless.*

To be Buried Quietly.

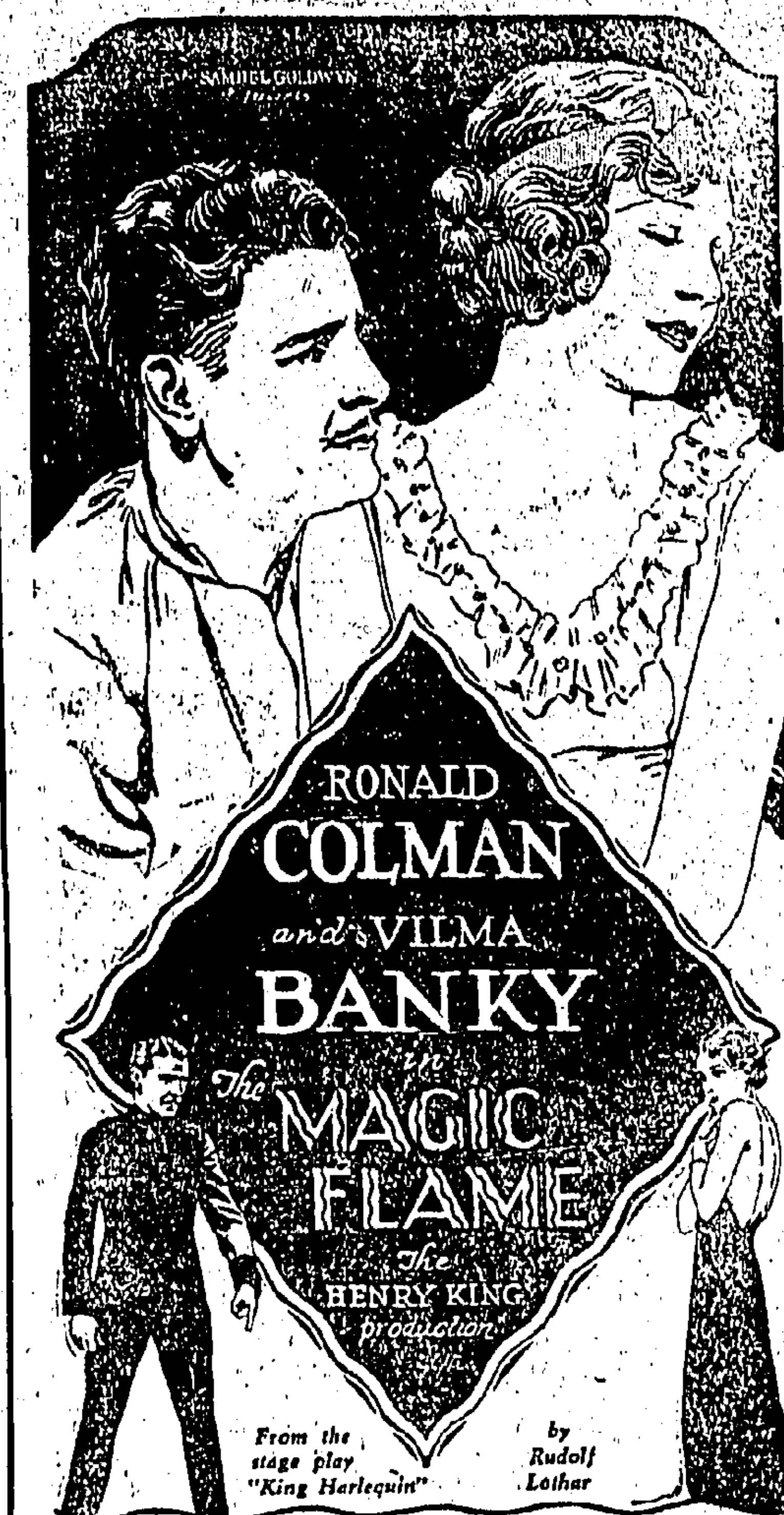
London, Feb. 15.
It is stated, on behalf of the family of the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith, that he will be buried privately, in accordance with his special wishes, and not in Westminster Abbey as suggested by the Government.

A memorial service will, however, be held in the Abbey on February 21st, Tuesday next.—*Reuter.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
1. Of the Chankley gold and silver treasures nearly 5,000 years old, discovered by the Anglo-American expedition, who are excavating a king's tomb. 2. Lord Ives's private collection, worth £200,000. 3. Viscount Esher, the 1st Marquis of Cambridge. 4. (a) Hippocretes acid, (b) oxalic acid, (c) Eilenberg VIII. 5. Beaumont and Fletcher. 6. A turn in ski-running. 7. In the Cotswold Hills. 8. Ben Jonson. 9. Louis XVI. (1764-1793). 10. Thomas Campbell. William Cooper. Isaac Watts. John Dryden. 11. An ornamental screen covering the wall behind the altar; a perforated stone basin, within the altar, for carrying away water; a screen between the nave and the chancel, bearing a cross.

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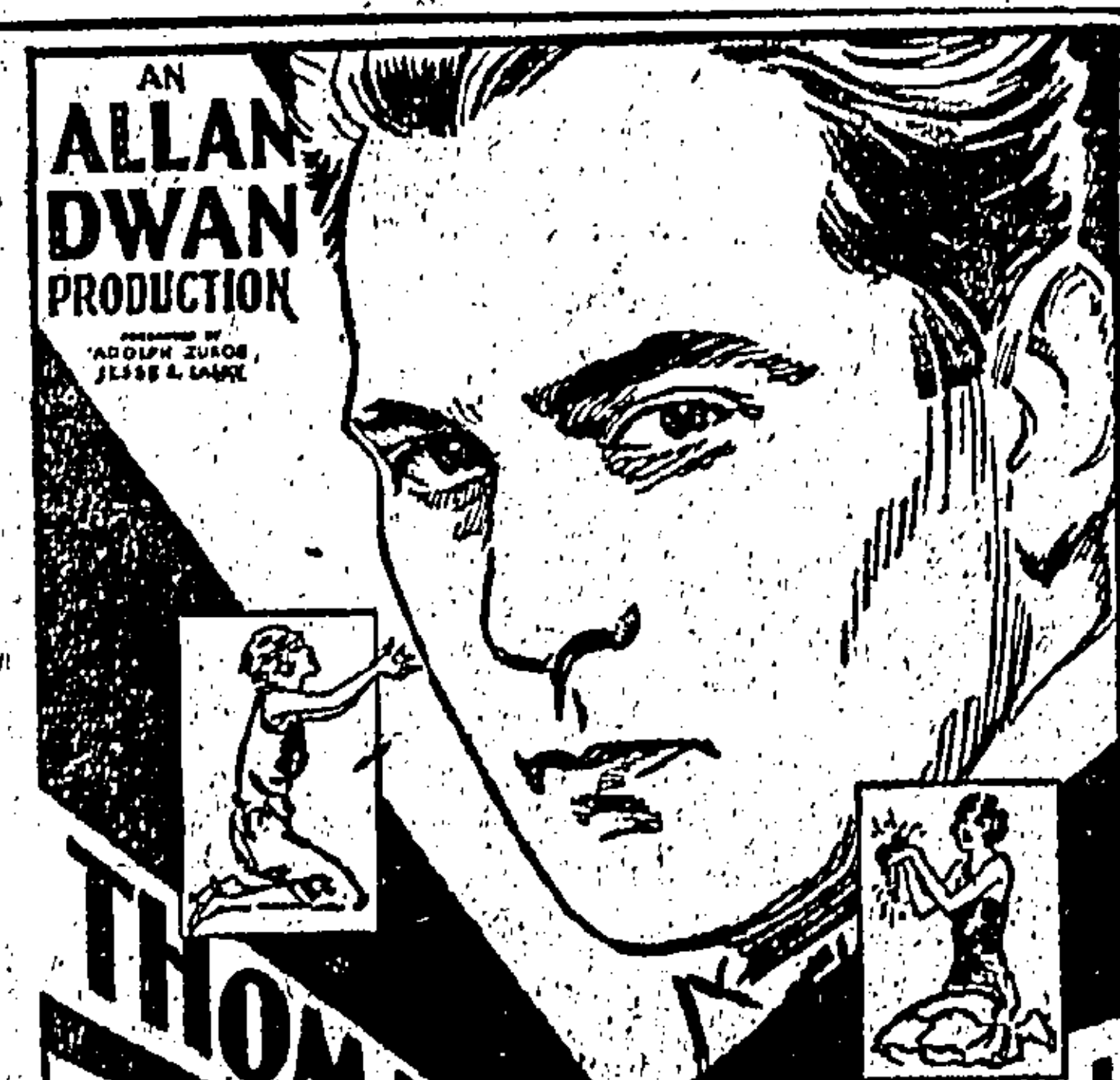
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